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Back to arithmetic

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Aaron Marcus for an informative article on the Park Service and its inability to count numbers higher than its collective fingers and toes. One important point was overlooked however: the Park Service can't remember any better than it can count. Lately they've been saying that the two largest marches were the '69 War Moratorium (600,000) and the '71 anti-war demonstration (500,000). Yet those are the figures reported by the rally organizers at the time. In 1969 and 1971, the park police estimated a mere 250,000 and 200,000 (later lowered to 175,000) respectively. Since they didn't find any of those missing marchers until the 1987 March on Washington, the obvious conclusion is that they mistook some of our marchers for stragglers from the earlier demonstrations. And in addition to locating some 700,000 missing protesters from those marches, the police discovered an additional 50,000 marchers in 1989, lost for over twenty-five years after the civil rights march of 1963. Amazing isn't it? I hope this doesn't mean we'll have to wait that long to find the 800,000 MIA's from this years march.

By the way, did NOW sponsor a second abortion rights march in 11/89? I am only aware of the one held 4/9/89 which (according to police) drew 300,000.

Note: verification of figures can be found in the Washington Post: 8/29/63*, 11/16/69, 4/25/71, 10/12/87, 4/10/89 and 4/26/93. (*I have to assume the Post reported the same figures as the Sacramento Bee for this date, since the library doesn't carry the Post that far back.)

Lil Sibley

Incentive to give

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for putting my brother John Musgrave in the loving memory column of the last issue of MGW.

On June 28, 1992, the day of the Pride Parade, two weeks after his 32nd birthday, I lost the best and most unusual brother anyone could have.

Everyone that knew him was better off for it.

John was generous and giving, with a style all of his own. He gave me the incentive to love my own life for myself and live up to my own standards, not others.
He never could understand how special he was to everyone. He will never be forgotten, especially by those who loved him. To us he and the others will live forever in our memories.

Lori Musgrave

Volunteer to help feed homeless

Dear Editor,

I would like to extend an invitation to your readers who would like to volunteer and help feed the homeless of Sacramento. For the past two years, I have been coordinating a team of 20 to 30 people through River City Metropolitan Community Church. The team members are not all from the Church, in fact, people from the Sacramento Men's Chorus and the Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance have been volunteering.

On the fourth Thursday of each month, our team prepares and serves a meal to the guests at the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room. The day is divided into two shifts. Volunteers for the first shift, from 8 to 11 am, prepare the meal and volunteers from the second shift, from 11 am to 2 pm serve the guests and clean up.

We are the only gay and lesbian team of the 30 teams who volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. Last month our team served a meal to 950 people who were homeless or who couldn't afford to eat. Some of them were lesbian and gay. Volunteers are always needed, even if it's only for one meal a year. Call me if you would like to be on our team at 641-8775.

Sincerely,
Mike Starr-Fuhr

Postal workers wanted

Dear Editor,

Gay and lesbian employees of the United States Postal Service in the Northland District, which includes large areas of Minnesota and Wisconsin, are pleased to inform your readers of the existence of the Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN.)

In February 1992, interested gay and lesbian postal employees formed a steering committee to discuss guidelines for an organization that would serve the needs of those in the local work force who identify as sexual orientation minorities. Our first general meeting was in March 1992. Since then, we have been meeting monthly.

Membership in the G/L PEN is open to any gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or gay/lesbian sensitive employee. Our mission is: To serve as an advocate for all sexual minority employees and advance their recognition and legitimacy within the United States Postal Service. We are focusing the majority of our effort on effecting change in the work place. To achieve our agenda, we've formed action teams to work on various objectives.

The G/L PEN is encouraged by the Postal Service's recent creation of a Vice President for Cultural Diversity. Local employees interested should write Box 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397.

Richard E. Evans
Co-coordinator
G/L PEN

Support gay candidate

Dear Editor,

As we all know, a wave of witch-hunts and violent hate campaigns are being launched all over the U.S. by the religious right vs. gays and lesbians. Such hate is unprecedented since the 1930's Nazi Germany and the 1950's McCarthy era.

This is why we must all contact our local, state and national politicians and urge them to oppose gay-bashing and to support equal rights for the nation's 25 million gays and lesbians. Our very existence is at stake! We must also get our butts to the polls and vote for candidates who are either gay or lesbian or who are friends of gays and lesbians.

One such candidate for the 27th Assembly District, comprising Santa Cruz, Monterey, Big Sur, etc. is John Laird, the former mayor of Santa Cruz. He is the first openly gay person to run for the California State Assembly. Laird has held numerous political offices and is very politically savvy.

If you live in the 27th Assembly District, please register and vote for John Laird. As of this writing, the date of the election has not been set, but it will be in September or October, 1993. Also, if you have friends and relatives in the 27th Assembly District, please urge them to register and vote for Laird. For info: Friends of John Laird, 1214 King St., Santa Cruz, CA. 95060. (408) 426-5900.

John D. Helm

Forgot a word

Dear Editor,

After reviewing my recent letter concerning Pastor Glen Cole, I inadvertently left out the word "not" in my sentence that should have read, "...I do not have an affectional orientation that he would approve..." Thank you for publishing my correction.

Yours truly,
Kathie Harine

You must have a lot on your mind lately, because we've been getting a ton of mail. INSIDE: More letters.

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Drags part of community

Dear Editor,

In Kathie Harine's Letter to the Editor "Pastor Cole?" July 1 issue, she questions why criticize and demonstrate against the Capitol Christian Center (CCC).

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Queer Army, SACOR, Queer Nation, and many individuals chose to demonstrate at CCC to bring attention to the hate and bigotry CCC promotes, and to stimulate dialogue on the issues surrounding the Easter Sunday Action.

Specifically, CCC:

* is a major force in the erosion of the separation of church and state;
* supports Pro-life groups, denying a women's right to choose;
* opposes and actively fights gay and lesbian anti-discrimination laws;
* refused to participate in a regional, multi-religion prayer vigil for people with AIDS, stating "Because of your lifestyle, God will not listen to your prayers";
* supports school choice initiatives that would take taxpayer money from public schools and direct it to CCC's private school and other religious schools;
* supports candidates that support the fundamentalist political agenda (from collection plate to candidate);
* runs Set Free, a ministry to reform lesbians and gays;
* prints and distributes sample ballots to the congregation for public elections;
* continuously violates it's state and federal tax-exempt status by engaging in political activity, lobbying legislators with an anti-gay and lesbian agenda.

Ms. Harine characterizes the demonstration as bizarre, revealing her own dragphobia and internalized homophobia so common in our community. Dragphobia has been prevalent in our community since 1969 when drag Queens of color fought off the NYPD at the Stonewall Inn. The ensuing riots were the beginning of the modern Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Movement.

Our rich and diverse culture should be celebrated openly with pride and dignity. It is time to stop divisive infighting and return the focus to the real enemy, the institutionalized bigotry of some religious organizations like Pastor Cole's CCC.

Stephen Crow

Cole in cahoots

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Kathie Harine's letter, in which she says she is "dismayed by the sharp criticism of Pastor Glen Cole and the Capitol Christian Center." I am sure that there are others out there who do not understand why we have been so critical of Cole. Our criticism is, in part, in reaction to his extremely hateful antigay, anti-choice preachings and activities - and by activities I mean ultraconservative political involvement. Cole has preached vigorously against gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender persons, and has enthusiastically opposed gay rights; for instance, he ranted and raved that AB 101 would legitimize homosexuality, which he publicly stated "is a tremendous sin which God does not smile upon."

Cole has rubbed salt in the wounds of gay persons with AIDS by proclaiming that gays are responsible for bringing this horrible disease upon themselves and the world. His " sure cure for AIDS" is heterosexual marriage. I have heard from several gay people whom Cole has outed - totally against their will and in violation of basic human decency - and condemned in front of the entire congregation. Cole belongs to an organization called C.O.R. (Coalition On Revival), whose agenda consists of Reconstructionism: a return to complete Biblical law. C.O.R. seeks to create a theocratic state. Among their goals: Filling all levels of government with ultra-right-wing theocrats; a total ban on abortion, contraceptives, and sex education; and implementing the death penalty for adulterers and "unrepentant homosexuals." Many reconstructionists advocate death by stoning. Cole may or may not advocate death by stoning, but he is still in cahoots with a bunch of crazy, vicious people who are doing their damnedest to oppress us and keep us in the closet.

Cole was lying through his teeth when he denied that he involves himself in politics. One need only pay a visit to the church (as if you'd want to) to see their propaganda fliers detailing the ideas and goals of the violent terrorist, anti-choice group Operation Rescue, which Cole embraces. Operation Rescue compares abortion to the Holocaust; never mind the fact that abortion is a matter of individual choice - no one has the right to force a woman to endure an unwanted pregnancy, with all of its ramifications - and that the Holocaust was the mass slaughter of millions of walking, breathing human beings. Neither Cole nor the number of organizations he supports address the fact that hundreds of gays were murdered in Nazi Germany. These fundamentalist zealots not only deny our oppression, they perpetuate it.

Cole is one of those fundamentalist so-called Christians who say "Love the sinner, hate the sin." There is no way to separate the two. I am a gay man; my sexual orientation is an innate part of me that I cannot change and do not want to change. To say that I am a "sinner" because I am gay is to condemn me as a person, and to believe that someone who hates what I am loves me is downright sick and twisted. I refuse to accept this oppressive bullshit. It is very clear to me that Cole, like many in our society, will always despise us because of who we are. As far as I'm concerned, they are the ones who need help, not us.

Kenny Locke

History Wanted

Dear Editor,

The Sacramento community should know of the wonderful resource we have in the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California (GLHS). The Historical Society has collected, preserved and cherished our collective lesbian/gay/bi/transsexual experience.

The GLHS sponsors enlightening programs, educational exhibits and publishes **Our Stories**, an illustrated triannual journal. It maintains an extensive archives which documents generations of our diverse queer lives.

In the archives there are complete runs of the *The Ladder, Vector, Lambda News* and the *Bay Area Reporter*. The papers of the famous - like poet Elsa Gidlow, activist Leonard Matlovich, entertainer Pat Bond, and playwright Robert Chesley - are housed alongside the photos, diaries, and scrapbooks of everyday lesbians and gay men. There are the organizational papers of organizations such as Black and White Men Together/SF, and business records of the Valencia Rose and the Bulldog Baths. The archives collects Parade programs, business promotions, video tapes, and other ephemera.

The GLHS is looking for material documenting the Northern California community outside of San Francisco. We are all creating history every day. You can help make sure this history doesn't get lost. The Historical Society, Box 424280, San Francisco 94142, 415-626-0980.

Thank you,
Eric Garber

Thanks to community

Dear Editor,

I will be stepping down as Director of AIDS Response Programs at the Lambda Community Center after having worked there for the past five years.

I would like to thank the Sacramento Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual community for supporting AIDS Response. I feel honored to have been of service.

I would also like to pay tribute to my Lambda Center Staff - Jose Miranda, Toni Callander, Brent Farrand, Ron Rosenblatt, Bob Rowe, John Rambo, Craig Spatola, Mike De Hart, and Christopher Russell. These are people with whom it has been a rare privilege to work, and without whom it would not have been possible to achieve the success of these programs. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart.

Thanks also to the Sacramento County AIDS Education and Prevention Unit, particularly it's Chief, Bernice Walton, and our County contract monitor, Giok Khoe.

I wish Lambda the best of luck for the future. My fervent hope is that the Center should some day achieve both the fiscal stability it needs to survive, and the whole-hearted support of the community it aims to serve.

Yours, sincerely,
Franklin John Kakies.

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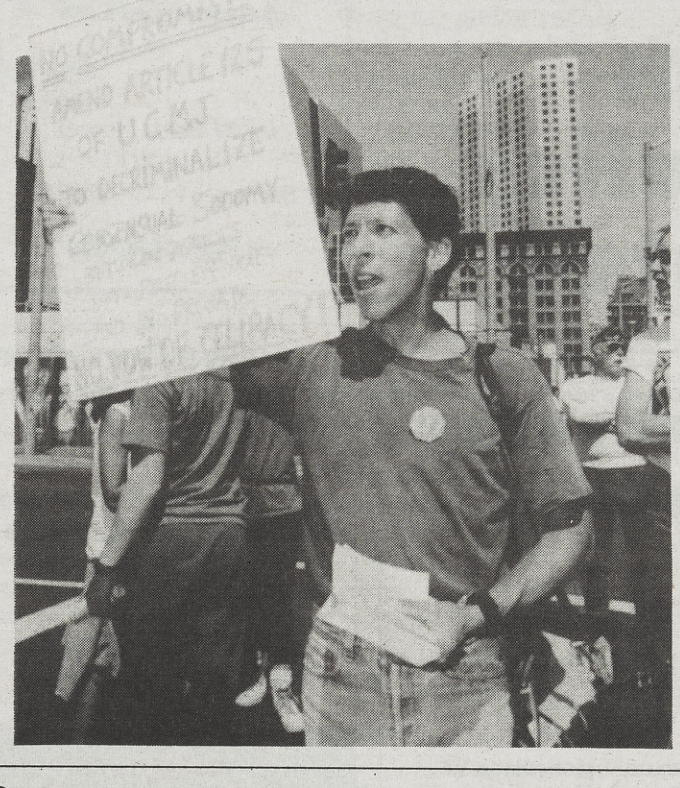

Demonstrators outside of the National Education Association Conference at the Moscone Center tried to encourage the President to lift the ban in the military.

MGW/Jane Philomen Cleland

Gays in State Government - Still rare

by Marghe Covino
MGW/STAFF

The search for openly gay, elected, state officials in California is like meringue - most of it's froth, a lot of it is air, and there's just not a lot of substance to be found. According to the best intelligence there are no openly gay, elected state officials - but there are a least five gays and lesbians in both the assembly and the senate.
However, there are a number of prominent, openly gay and lesbian, dedicated men and women serving in very high appointed offices and on prestigious state commissions.

Anne L. Bersinger

Anne Bersinger, 49, is the Chief Deputy Director for the California Department of Motor Vehicles. She was appointed to that position by governor Pete Wilson two years ago.

Bersinger was born and raised in Los Angeles the oldest child with three younger brothers. She took her degree in Experimental Psychology at Occidental College in Southern California.

She lives with her partner of 11 years, a deputy district attorney, and has been in state service for more than 24 years. She was a member of the board of directors of California Capital Political Action Committee.

When considering her for the present appointment, investigators from the Governor's office questioned her involvement on the board of directors of a bipartisan PAC which had endorsed Dianne Feinstein in the gubernatorial race. Bersinger laughed as she told them, "I've been a Republican all my life and I've been a lesbian all my life. - I'm used to being the one in ten that's different - but now you've got a choice - what do you want? Do you want us gay Republicans participating and out numbered or not participating at all?"

Bersinger's career has spanned a variety of executive and managerial assignments including three years as the Social Services: Management Analysis Unit Chief for the Department of Health and as a management consultant to private industry.

Bersinger has served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Development Programs; American Regulatory Association; California State Labor/ Management Child Care Committee, Sacramento County Grand Jury; Log Cabin, Sacramento Chapter and the California Capital Political Action Committee Foundation as Board President.

Of her highly visible, active role in government and community affairs, Bersinger says, "It's important for all of us to stand up and be counted - it's important for the public to know that the gay community is as wide and varied as any other group they look at. The non-gay community has no way of knowing that unless we stand up and be counted. That's what I believe and that's what I do."

Douglas C. Brown

Doug Brown, 47, is the Assistant Director for Business Relations in the California Employment Development Department. He was appointed to that position on May 1, 1993 by Governor Pete Wilson.

Doug was born in Iowa Falls, Iowa He was raised there in a Catholic family. His mother, father, two sisters and a brother still live in Iowa. "Although," Doug says proudly, " my mom just got back from Washington, D.C. where she lobbied the Iowa representatives to lift the ban."

Doug served as a Peace Corps volunteer and is a Vietnam veteran, having served with the U. S. Air Force, he attended the University of Kansas where he received a degree in international relations and the George Washington University where he earned a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

He worked on the federal level where he held staff positions with the U.S. Administration Division Chief for the Department of Motor Vehicles, five years as Director of Community Care Licensing in the Department of Social Services and three years as Division Chief for Personnel Services at the Department of Personnel Administration. She has also served at the Department of

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Is Barney a dinosaur?

by Robert N. Rowe
MGW/Guest Commentator

Despite the fact that Barney Frank has a commendable record as a congressman, he has capitulated totally to the opposition of lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military. Negotiating and compromise are said to be inevitable in politics but capitulation as demonstrated by Barney constitutes betrayal.

Barney has betrayed not only gay youths but heterosexual youths as well. Homosexual youths deprived of their true identity often become victims of self-deprecation, addictive behavior, even suicide. At the same time, heterosexual youths are taught intolerance and rationalized violence. Lifting the ban, or at least the uncompromising struggle to lift the ban, assures gay youths that a significant segment of the population is on their side, gay is ok. Whether homosexual or heterosexual, youths suffer from bigotry as exemplified by the ban in the military.

Homosexuals and large numbers of their heterosexual supporters are ready and eager to fight the ban. Outstanding service men and women have placed their careers on the line to join the battle. Suddenly Barney raises the white flag and claims victory because the questions as to whether a person is homosexual will not be asked at the time of enlistment. So what? If that person is discovered to be gay after enlistment he or she will be discharged immediately. In essence a homosexual who serves with the military will be in no better position than he or she was during the dinosaur ere of the original ban.

Adults who come out, whether in the military or civilian life, reassure gay youths that there is an acceptable place for them in our society. If youth's perception of homosexuality continues to imply that it must be hid, gay youth's self esteem will continue to suffer dramatically and heterosexual youth bigotry will be reaffirmed. The least homosexuals, in concert with their supporters, can do is to fight with all their might to lift the ban.

Who cares if we go down in flames? We shall rise again to fight for what is right.

Robert N. Rowe is a World War II Veteran.▼

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(Front of Ace Hardware)

Psychologist finds heterosexuals can work and live with gay men and lesbians if Pentagon exercises leadership...

Scientific research shows military policy can be implemented

The current debate surrounding the military's exclusion for gay men and lesbians is based on the mistaken assumption that heterosexuals cannot overcome their own prejudices, according to a scholarly review of findings from social science research recently published.

The article, "Sexual Orientation and Military Service: A Social Science Perspective," appears in the May issue of the *American Psychologist*, the official journal of the American Psychological Association (APA). It was written by Gregory M. Herek, Ph.D., a social psychologist at the University of California at Davis and a national authority on heterosexuals' attitudes toward lesbians and gay men.

In his article, Dr. Herek reviewed existing scientific research concerning issues of unit cohesion and effectiveness, the fitness of lesbians and gay men for military service, and public opinion about a nondiscriminatory policy. He concluded that heterosexual personnel can overcome their prejudices and adapt to living and working in close quarters with lesbians and gay men; that lesbians and gay men are not inherently less capable of military service than are heterosexual women and men; and that acceptance of a new policy will be influenced by whether the public understands that the presence of openly gay and lesbian personnel will not impair combat effectiveness.

According to Dr. Herek, "In the past, the military has proved itself willing and able to attack prejudice and stereotypes based on race and gender within its ranks. The challenge of the 1990s may well be to continue this tradition by eliminating barriers based on sexual orientation."

Dr. Herek noted that some members of the military and congress have expressed concern that unit cohesion and morale will be harmed if heterosexual personnel refuse to work and live in close quarters with lesbian or gay male servicemembers. But his review of survey and laboratory data indicated that heterosexuals are fully capable of establishing close interpersonal relationships with gay people. Dr. Herek pointed out that roughly one American adult in three already knows someone who is openly gay or lesbian, and that heterosexuals who have a close ongoing relationship with a gay man or lesbian tend to express favorable attitudes toward gay people as a group.

"Ongoing interpersonal contact under favorable conditions," said Dr. Herek, "is likely to foster positive feelings toward gay men and lesbians." Such favorable conditions, he noted, include a supportive environment in which common goals are emphasized, prejudice is negatively sanctioned, and heterosexuals learn to regard gay men and lesbians as complex individuals rather than simply as members of a disliked social category.

A second concern raised by the military, according to Dr. Herek, is that lesbians and gay men are unfit for service because they have a propensity to engage in sexual harassment. He noted that although data are not available from the social science literature to test directly whether gay men and lesbians engage in sexual harassment more than do heterosexuals, indirect evidence includes research showing that lesbians and gay men, as a group, do not differ from heterosexual women and men in their levels of sexual drive and frequency of sexual activity.

In addition, Dr. Herek reports that gay men and lesbians are no less able than heterosexuals to control their sexual or romantic urges, refrain form the abuse of power, obey rules and laws, interact effectively with others, or exercise good judgment in handling authority. Dr. Herek also noted that sexual orientation is not associated with impaired psychological functioning.

Dr. herek observed that many major civilian employers - including large corporations, universities, and local governments - do not perceive a problem with hiring gay men and lesbians as employees or managers. He also reported that police and sheriff's departments have successfully integrated openly lesbian and gay male officers into their ranks, as have the armed forces of other countries - including Denmark, The Netherlands, and Sweden. Although some heterosexual personnel in those organizations have responded negatively to lesbians and gay men, Dr. Herek noted that educational programs, sensitivity training, and strong leadership from high-ranking officers have been key to implementing successful nondiscriminatory policies.

Dr. Herek reported that public opinion polls conducted before 1992 indicated steadily increasing acceptance for gay people in the military. After President Clinton announced his

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Recommendation for Nondiscriminatory Policy

Dr. Herek offered five principal recommendations to the military for implementing a nondiscriminatory policy:

1. Establish clear norms that sexual orientation is irrelevant to performing one's duty and that everyone should be judged on her or his own merits.
2. Eliminate false stereotypes about gay men and lesbians through education and sensitivity training for all personnel.
3. Set uniform standards for public conduct that apply equally to heterosexual and homosexual personnel.
4. Deal with sexual harassment as a form of conduct rather than as a characteristic of a class of people. Establish that all sexual harassment is unacceptable, regardless of the genders or sexual orientations of individuals involved.
5. Take a firm and highly publicized stand that violence against gay personnel is unacceptable and will be punished quickly and severely. Attach added penalties to anti-gay violence perpetrated by military personnel. ▼

Full text of article is available from the Public Affairs Office of the American Psychological Association. Contact: Pam Willenz, (202) 336-5700 (FAX: 202-336-5708).

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It's vacation time in the capital

by Aaron Marcus
MGW/STAFF

Having wrapped up the budget on-time for the first time in several years, the state assembly and senate will be rewarding itself with a month-long vacation starting next week. In late August, they'll return for the annual rite of controlled, legislative mayhem that seems to accompany the end of every legislative year.

No single, galvanizing issue has emerged from the 60-plus bills introduced this session that directly or indirectly affect the gay and lesbian community and many of the bills will be carried over to next year - the second half of the legislative session - however a number of notable bills will be passing out of policy committee hearings this week and be awaiting final actions when the legislature returns next month.

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (the LIFE Lobby) is watching a number of these HIV/AIDS related bills as they work through the system, and several have serious implications should they pass or fail. Confidentiality is at the forefront of the HIV agenda this year, along with several bills affecting insurance and care facilities.

SB 1239 is the resurrected version of Senator Newton Russell's SB 627. As reported in the last issue of *MGW,* SB 627, now SB 1239, would allow for non-consensual HIV testing in a broad range of medical situations. SB 627 was hijacked and gutted during the budget free-for-all in June and SB 1239 was rewritten to carry Russell's legislation.

SB 1239, and it's previous version, SB 627, has been surprisingly successful in the legislature. It will allow physicians to order HIV testing, in certain situations, of tissue samples or bodily fluids even if the patient refuses. Additionally, though calling for continued confidentiality, the bill will allow for the disclosure of a patient's HIV status to potentially-exposed health care workers and will limit accountability for indiscriminate release of HIV-status information. SB 1239 is opposed by the California Nurses Association (CNA) and supported by the California Medical Association (CMA), a doctors group.

SB 670, introduced by Senator Tom Hayden (D - Santa Barbara), is a bill which will add CD-4 lymphocyte tests to California statutes protecting the confidentiality of HIV anti-body tests. CD-4 cell counts are widely used to monitor the progression of HIV. Declining CD-4 cell counts generally accompany the onset of AIDS.

SB 670 was easily moving through the legislature until the CMA came out against it, ostensibly over paperwork concerns. The CMA's opposition to SB 670 is remarkable in that the paperwork is just the latest in a series of objections raised as proponents have responded each of the association's concerns. Given the CMA's support of SB 1239 too, it appears that the physician's group is more likely politically opposed to HIV confidentiality protections. After passing on the Senate floor 38-0, SB 670 passed out of the Assembly Health Committee on a party-line vote, 10-5.

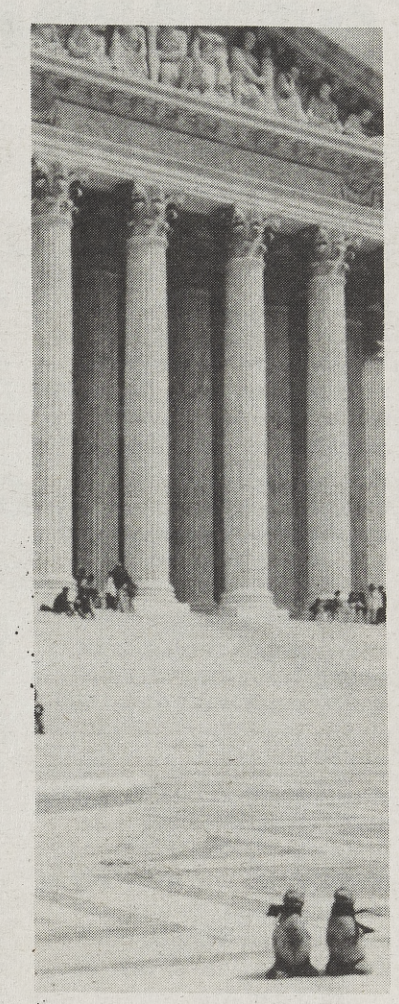
AB 1100 is a comprehensive reform bill designed to prevent discriminatory practices by insurance companies against a person with HIV/AIDS. Introduced by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D- San Francisco), AB 1100 would prohibit "post-claims" underwriting, that is, changing and/or reducing health insurance benefits after a claimant begins treatment.

AB 1100 will require all health insurance policies sold in California to follow state law, standardize health insurance application forms, and allow a person who suffers discrimination to seek court redress. What this bill will not do is address the gaping hole in self-insured, or ERISA, health insurance plans that make up an estimated 40% of the insurance coverage in the state. ERISA plans fall under federal jurisdiction and recent case law has held that such plans can be altered, at will, by the companies that use them.

"Healthful lifestyles" are being vaguely defined in AB 2002, a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Paul Woodruff (R- San Bernadino/Riverside). If passed, this bill would allow insurance companies to include "lifestyle" factors in determining individual premiums. Intended as an attempt to include such factors as smoking in setting insurance rates, opponents are concerned about the broad scope of applicable situations and personal activities that could be considered by insurance companies.

And finally, there's the evil condom: AB 1623 is a simple bill that would require all manufacturers who sell condoms in this state to provide the Department of Health Services with a copy of their quality assurance tests from the FDA. The department would then be required to disseminate the information to the general public. AB 1623 has had a rough ride, passing out of the Assembly by a 45-28 vote. Conservative opposition to the bill has arisen with the argument that anything that promotes condoms, promotes sex.

MGW will cover this year's civil rights legislative efforts in the August 1st issue. Readers are encouraged to contact their elected representatives or the LIFE lobby for more information and to express their views.▼



The mysterious ducks

The March On Washington had more than 1 million marchers and two ducks. The duo attended all functions of the March, and had just a ducky time.

Scientific Research

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intention to reverse the policy, however, public opinion became more polarized and volatile. Dr. Herek noted that the disparate findings in opinion polls may result from variations in how the surveys were conducted, including differences in the way that the questions were worded. He suggests that the public may support allowing gay people to serve in the military when the issue is framed solely in terms of employment rights.

He suggests that acceptance for a new policy may not be widespread until most Americans are convinced that the armed forces will not be unduly disrupted or impaired.▼

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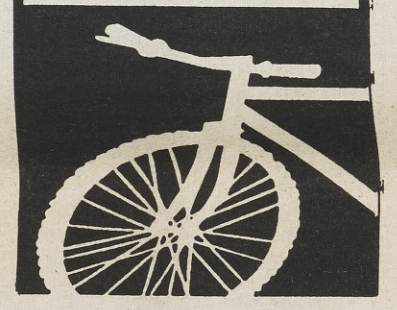

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Gays in government

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Senate, the Small Business Administration, and the White House Conference on Small Business.

As an economic development specialist he worked for the California Senate Select Committee on Small Business and for the Senate Office of Research. He spent three years with the State Department of Commerce where he designed the Small Business Development Center Program - he currently holds a seat on the State Small Business Development Board.

In his preset position he serves as the EDD primary liaison to the state's business community. He helps to identify issues and concerns of employers who use EDD services or are subject to EDD regulations.

His community work includes the past presidency of the River City Democratic Club; his service as the founding co-chair of the California Capital Political Action Committee and liaison to the National and local Coming Out Day groups.

Of his appointment, Brown says, "I'm proud to have been selected for this position based on professional qualifications, my expertise in state government and legislation and business issues. The fact that I'm gay was irrelevant. It was known that I'm gay before I applied for the job and I was not disqualified because of political opinions about that. I think that says two things to members of our community: 1) there are positions of importance which are available to highly qualified people and 2) the fact of their involvement in controversial issues does not negate the first premise."

Kenneth Topper

Ken Topper, consultant to Senate Pro Tem David Roberti, has been appointed to the Prison AIDS Commission which is a body that he feels is long overdue.

Topper looks at legislation, particularly AIDS legislation with a careful eye. "It's crucial to protect the integrity of what was created legislatively by people who are no longer with us - like Stan Hadden," he said. "We need to use their work as a foundation - applying it to today's needs and looking toward the needs of tomorrow.

Topper, 36, was born to a Roman Catholic family in San Francisco's Presidio. The family of four boys and one girl was raised in the Peninsula area and Ken lived there until he left for a Byzantine Rite seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa. "That was my military service," he laughs. "We were told when to get up, when to eat, when to sleep - it was monastic. I was attracted to the development of spirituality, the metaphysical aspect - but I couldn't deal with the loss of self."

Topper is no stranger to loss, having lost his closest sibling, his sister, who died at age 19 of a brain tumor. "We planned to always live together and take care of each other." Instead, he has spent much of the last few years first helping his lover who died of AIDS and then helping his best friend, mentor and former lover, Stan Hadden through his final days.

Ken had first worked with Hadden helping him with his seminal work on AIDS legislation in the state and has now succeeded him on Roberti's staff. "In the early 1980s when I first moved to Sacramento a friend of mine died of AIDS and in those days there were no systems in place to handle that, Ken says, "I swore to do something to change it and was fortunate enough to meet Stan Hadden and to learn I could make a meaningful contribution."

Of his Prison AIDS Commission appointment, Topper says, "Prison needs are chronic - we have to bring some compassion and dignity to what's happening in our penal systems."

Thomas Coleman, ESQ.

Tom Coleman, 45, Serves on the Insurance Commission Anti-Discrimination task force and is an attorney specializing in criminal appeals and civil rights advocacy. He is also the Executive Director of the Spectrum Institute's family diversity Project.

Coleman, who is in a 14 year relationship with his spouse Michael Vasquez, was born in Michigan. He attended Wayne State University and then came to California to attend Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

He has seldom stopped for breath since he passed the bar. He is a relentless advocate for coalition building. He served on the governor's Commission on Personal Privacy in the early 1980s, creating a statewide agenda for non-discrimination and freedom from violence for all people. He also served on the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family which affirmed rights for domestic partners and called for an expanded definition of family. He made sure of the inclusion of gays and lesbians when he served on the Attorney General's Hate Crimes Commission on Racial, Ethnic, Religious and Minority Violence and succeeded in getting Police Officer's Standards and Training institute to include sexual orientation in their police officer training programs.

Coleman's efforts in the state are mirrored by his activities on the local level on the Los Angeles City and County Attorneys Task Force on Marital Status Discrimination; consumer issues; representation of clients in landmark cases (*i.e.* Donahue vs. Fair Employment and Housing Commission); Los Angeles City Task Force on Family Diversity and was able to include domestic partners, sexual orientation and marital status in non-discrimination policies.

Tom is very intense about his work with the Disability Abuse and Personal Rights Project which also includes that gay and lesbian people with disabilities must be free to express who they are in an atmosphere free from abuse.

"We need to do coalition building through the use of generic issues," Tom says, "we need to look to the left and right and include other people." As a case in point Coleman said that after July 6, gay sex will be legal in Washington, D.C. but due to tunnel vision unmarried heterosexual sex will be illegal. "By fixing that oversight we can bring in thousands of straight people who are stigmatized in this way, " he said. He feels that the disabled and seniors are natural allies for the gay and lesbian community and that the domestic partners issue also applies to a high number of minority people.

Regarding the Insurance Commissioners Anti-Discrimination Task force, Coleman cites a year-long study which has culminated in a soon to be released report calling for an end to marital status discrimination. The study documents discrimination against single and unmarried couples and advocates intervening in court cases and educating consumers about their rights under the existing law. "There are 10 million adults in California - singles with no partners or who have partners and can't get married. That kind of discrimination has to end," he said.

Lt. Col Cliff Anchor (Ret.)

Cliff Anchor, 56, was nominated to a post on the selective Service board in 1991 by Governor Pete Wilson. He was confirmed by President George Bush, making him the first openly gay appointee by either Republican.

Anchor was born and raised in Waterloo, England. He later emigrated to Canada where he served with the royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was there he began to work on radio productions with both the Canadian and British Broadcasting Corporations.

He later moved to the Bay Area in 1960 and worked as news director in San Francisco radio stations, KBCO-FM, KBRG-FM and KAFE-FM.

From 1977 to 1986 Anchor co-owned and operated KRJB-FM in the Russian River resort area north of San Francisco. It was the first FM radio station in the country to air National Gay Network News. The station also featured a regular public affairs program hosted by Anchor's close friend Sgt. Leonard Matlovich.

Anchor was commissioned in the State Military Reserves from 1979 to 1988. In 1981 he was appointed special assistant to the Commanding General of the State Military Forces. During his military service Cliff was awarded the California National Guard's Commendation Ribbon with Pendant. Anchor returned his armed services recruitment and military awards to the government in 1991 in protest of gay and lesbian personnel being excluded from serving in the Persian Gulf War.

When Governor Wilson vetoed AB 101, Anchor formally resigned from the Republican Party in protest.

Marty Keller

Marty Keller is the appointee Chief of the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair for the Department of Consumer Affairs. He is the oldest of six children, 1 girl and 5 boys, born into an Irish-German-French Catholic family. Born and raised in Michigan, Marty attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a degree in English.

He moved to California in 1983 and became the vice president of a major financial printing firm in San Francisco.

He served three years as the founding state chair of Log Cabin Clubs and is on the national board of the Log Cabin Federation as well as President of the Sacramento Chapter. He served as Northern California Co-Chair of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) and is currently Co-Chair of the League for Individual Freedom and Equality, the fundraising and 501 (c) 3 arm of LIFE.

Dennis Mangers, Laurie McBride (see below), and Tim Whelan at a recent fundraiser for Carole Migdon.

Marty, 41, is single and considers himself a Lincoln Republican. He has long been fighting the shift to extremist ideology in the Republican Party. "We've been trying to tell people in the gay and lesbian community about this for the past 10 years - but nobody wanted to listen to us because we're Republicans - it's been incredibly frustrating and our community has wasted a lot of time which could have been used to develop strategies against these religious zealots."

Keller was the first openly gay person to be appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to a position in state government. His May, 1991 appointment also required Senate confirmation. Shortly, he will become chief of a larger division, heading up the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation. He is wryly resigned to his "reluctant residency" in Sacramento.

Marty was also one of two openly gay alternate delegates in the California contingent to the republican Convention and created high visibility for gays and lesbian on CNN and other nationally televised interviews refuting the rhetoric of the likes of Pat Buchanan and Phyllis Schlafly.

Tongue-in-cheek, Keller says "Gay Republicans are the community's test of its true belief in tolerance."

Laurie McBride

Laurie McBride, 44, serves on the Prison Commission on AIDS and is the chief lobbyist and Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and

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Equality (LIFE). She is married to her life-partner, Donna Yutzy and both former San Franciscans now live in Sacramento.

Laurie was born in Hollywood, California and was raised in Los Angeles and Sacramento. She attended the University of the Pacific and received a degree in Religious Anthropology. She describes her own spiritual orientation as "Eclectic Pagan," and states her dislike of "orthodoxy.'

Her work in the Lobby is varied. She was the principal lobbyist for both ABA 101 and ABA 2601. She has effectively killed or neutralized bills which attacked the progress of lesbians and gays, such as the bill to prohibit discussion of gays and lesbians in public schools; bills to mandate testing or quarantine of people with AIDS; measures defining "family" as a man, woman and their children and legislation which would have made sex a felon for HIV+ people.

Laurie is an avowed coalition builder. As the owner of a small printing firm in the city she was the first woman president of San Francisco's gay chamber of commerce, the Golden Gate Business Association from 1984-1986. It was there she began her activist committee work on AIDS issues.

In 1986 and 1987 she served as Northern California Co-Chair for two campaigns which beat back Propositions 64 and 69 which would have mandated the quarantine of people with AIDS. Laurie also served as co-chair of the Mobilization Against AIDS. Because of the group's federal focus she was able to build her lobbying skills on AIDS funding and policy issues.

In 1989 she hosted the first lesbian commercial radio show in California. Her San Francisco show, "Ruby Fruit Terrace," gave her the opportunity to showcase lesbians and lesbian issues.

In May 1990 she became Executive Director of LIFE lobby.

In her service on the Prison AIDS Commission she was adamant that there be, "compassionate, comprehensive health care for all people." She is outraged by the right-wing attitude which touts the "news" that "all the right people are dying," *i.e.* gays, I.V. drug users, minorities. "It just goes to show you that the misguided are talking," Laurie says. "Are teenagers and babies, hemophiliacs and heterosexuals, married housewives and people around the world the right people too?" Laurie asks. "Actually, by their own criteria we can now declare lesbians to be the chosen people - just through the sheer numbers of STDs that occur in other groups - everyone should be a lesbian!"

Frank Ricchiazzi

Frank Ricchiazzi, 47, is the appointed Assistant Director for Industry Liaison at the Department of Motor Vehicles. He was born in Buffalo, New York into a large Sicilian family. When he moved to California he worked for Crocker National Bank while he attended California State University at Northridge. In 1972 he received his degree in Political Science and was soon assistant branch manager at the bank. Frank is a Vietnam veteran and is a member of the American Legion as well as the Disabled American Veterans.

Ricchiazzi became a private real estate investor and developer. His extensive business and real estate experience were cited by Governor Pete Wilson when making the appointment. Ricchiazzi's prior service on the New Motor Vehicle Board from 1986, involved hearing consumer complaints against automobile dealers as well as disputes between dealers. "His experience makes him well qualified for this important position," Wilson said, when making him the highest level gay appointee in state government.

Ricchiazzi is the top Department of Motor Vehicles contact with outside business and government customers. He is liaison to the banking, insurance, trucking and auto industries as well as the courts and law enforcement.

Frank and his spouse, Borden Moller live in Southern California in their recently remodeled Sicilian villa. Ricchiazzi is the founder of the Log Cabin Political Action Committee and, with Marty Keller was an alternate delegate to the 1992 Republican Convention. The only openly gay people at the convention.

Ricchiazzi is proud to be an openly gay role model to the Christian Right members of the Republican Party. "I know that we make a difference just by being there," he says. "And just by being there, and being who we are, creates all kinds of conflicts for the right wing. Ricchiazzi is unfailingly courteous and has a flair for Old World courtliness which he uses to great effect when dealing with the rabid right.

With his successes Frank could rest easy but he is intense about the need for "strategic planning that goes beyond partisanship." He is frustrated by what he considers to be snubs and freeze-outs by Democrats, lack of coverage of gay Republican activities and issues, and the need for planning by gays and lesbians to get moderate Republicans back into positions of power in the party. "The alternative is just too awful to contemplate - but is anybody out there listening?" he asks.▼

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A NEW LOOK AT AZT...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

AZT should no longer be automatically prescribed for people who have no symptoms of HIV disease, a federal advisory panel concluded in late June.

The recommendation is a major departure from current medical practice. The drug has been routinely given based on CD-4 T-cell counts (about 500) rather than on symptoms.

Instead, says the panel, physicians should discuss with their patients the best time to administer the drug, attempting to strike a critical balance in weighing the possibility of drug resistance or side effects from long-term use, versus the potential benefits of using the drug early, taking into account recent studies that question the benefit of early use when no symptoms are present. Many Sacramento AIDS-knowledgeable physicians and their patients have been working together in this manner all along. The new guidelines may, however, alter the time and the way AZT is prescribed for asymptomatic people.

AZT has been administered at the 500 T-cell mark regardless of symptoms because people with HIV disease become vulnerable to potentially fatal opportunistic infections and diseases at this point. Studies over recent years, however, have shown that AZT seems to work best when used alone and then combined with other anti-virals (DDI or DDC). AZT used alone seems often to lead to anemia-type side effects and an abrubt drop in CD-4 T-cell counts. The new AZT-DDI-DDC combination therapies, however, together with improved treatment of AIDS-related illnesses, have lengthened lives by many years. (50 percent of people diagnosed with AIDS in 1984 and 1985 lived for less than a year after diagnosis.)

The recent Concorde trial in Europe, which questioned the benefit of early AZT use in asymptomatic individuals, may have been one of the most influential presentations at the recent international AIDS conference in Berlin — not because of the data it contained, but because it has prompted a complete rethinking about the use of AZT in treatment therapy, and about AIDS treatments in general. The Concorde trial concluded that AZT works for only about a year in people who are symptom-free. It also suggested that the measurement of CD-4 T-cells as an indicator in trials (the method used in the United States) may be very misleading.

In a similar vein, a trial at the University of California in San Francisco is focusing on the importance of CD-8 cells. Dr. Jay Levy of UC-SF has been studying people who have lived with the AIDS virus for over 10 years to try to discover what part CD-8 cells play in their survival. All of the long-term survivors in his trial have a high number of CD-8 cells regardless of the number of CD-4 T-cells they have. Levy says many people with no symptoms of HIV disease have CD-4 T-cell counts near or under 500 but simultaneously have a large number of CD-8 lymphocites — specialized cells that appear to prevent HIV from transforming into more destructive and resistant forms. Besides inhibiting HIV's replication, these activated cells appear to destroy other HIV-positive cells with a previously unknown secreted protein. The goal of Levy's study is to determine whether the virus might be suppressed by the patient's own immune response if the CD-8 cell's protein-secreting effects can be boosted and prolonged.

The growing amount of controversial information forthcoming in recent months is confusing at best. But it should not be considered disheartening. It has brought into sharp focus the need to push even harder for alternative treatments that can safely span several years or decades because, more than twelve years into this disease, there are still only three treatment therapies on the market — all with side effects that can be as devastating as any AIDS-related illness.

At this point in the AIDS crisis, it's recognized by most physicians that AZT has an important and legitimate place in HIV treatment today, that it has extended the lives of thousands of people, that some people take it because it is better than nothing, that it can be even more effective and used for a longer period of time when combined with other anti-virals, and that decisions on using AZT — whether alone, or in combination with other medications, or not at all, or later in the disease process — should be made after people have consulted, and carefully weighed all options, with their physicians.▼

Insurance Cash-in...

People whose physicians have given them about two years to live can cash in their whole-life policies with one of 21 viatical companies that have now applied to insurance commissioner John Garamendi for a license to do business in California.

Companies that have not made it through at least the initial application process are not legally allowed to do business in California.

Obtaining a license means that the company has been checked out to a certain degree, and that a record exists detailing any complaints received against the company.

Of the 21 companies that have applied, three have already been granted licenses; the other 18 are in the process of being checked out further and will probably have licenses by the end of summer.

None of these 21 companies thus far has any record of complaints against them. (Any problem with the viatical services should be immediately reported to the legal division of Garamendi's office [415/904-5694].)

Viatical life insurance companies provide between 56 and 85 percent of the face value of a policy to individuals with terminal illnesses (thus far, well over 90 percent of people using these companies are people with AIDS).

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Readers are encouraged to deal with only those companies that have applied for a California license.

(Addresses and phone numbers of the 21 companies on file with the state are available from MGW. The companies are as follows (the first 3 are now licensed):

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Todd Cronkhite

On July 1, 1993, at the age of 32 in Sacramento, Todd passed away. He is survived by his loving mother Rita, devoted sister Sheila, and brothers Jimmy and Tim. Todd is preceded in death by his beloved brother Tony and his dear friend Paul Richey. He leaves behind numerous friends who will miss him mightily.

His devotion to his family, his friendships, and his volunteer work in the community with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's food distribution and Hand-to-Hand Project will be remembered by all who knew him. He was "matched" to Sacramento artist Kerry Sutton who passed away a year ago this month, and was devoted to assuring that Kerry's last months were lived in comfort and dignity. Todd's shiny red truck was one of the staples at the Foundation's food distribution program; he was always ready to lend a hand to others, with little regard to the level of his own strength. And that smile will live in our hearts forever!

Contributions in Todd's memory may be made to the AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand Project or to a fund to place a rose in his name in McKinley Park's Rose Garden (call 648-1120).

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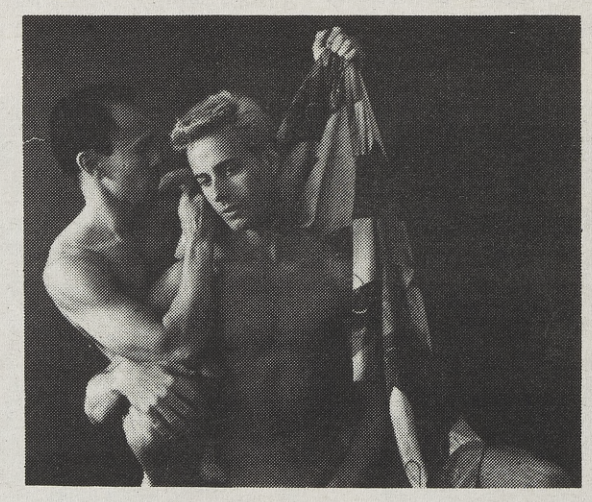

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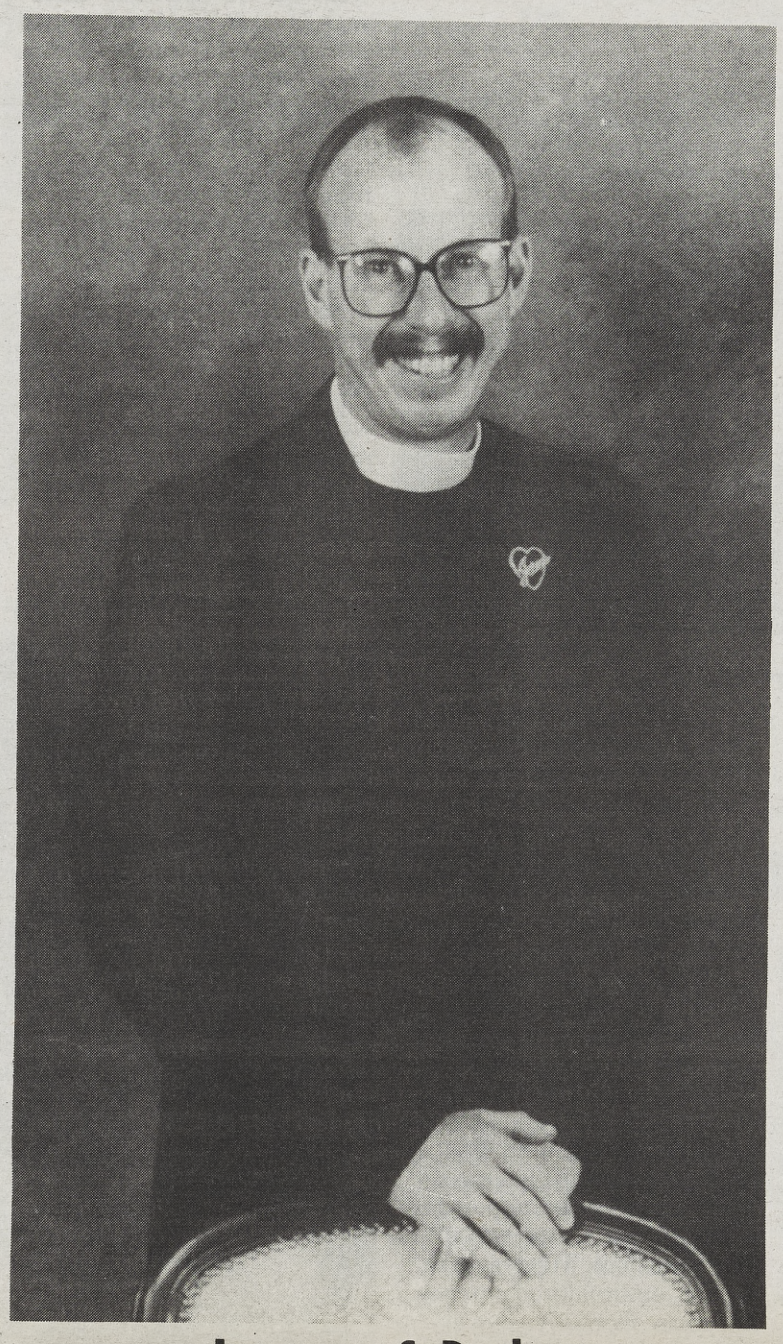
Lawrence C. Dunlap

Sacramento's gay and lesbian community lost a gentle, loving and caring spirit in the recent passing of Reverend Larry Dunlap. Born March 26, 1955, he was taken home to rest on July 7, 1993, after a lengthy battle with complications from AIDS. Affectionately known as the "Rev" or Reverend Larry, he was an ordained minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and was the former Associate Pastor and current Minister of Music at River City MCC in Sacramento. He was also the former Senior Pastor of Emmanuel MCC in Spokane, Washington, and had been actively involved in a number of UFMCC congregations around the Los Angeles area.

A resident of Sacramento for over 10 years, Reverend Larry attended high school in Wallace, Idaho as well as attending the Northwest College of Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Washington. Because his sexual preference was in opposition to the current teachings of the Assemblies of God, Reverend Larry was asked to leave Northwest College and eventually he and his parents were asked to leave the denomination itself. His mother, Marlene "Mom" Dunlap, remains an active and vocal member within the UFMCC and continues to offer a ministry of support to parents whose children are gay. Reverend Larry dedicated his life to ministering and spreading God's word throughout the gay and lesbian community, with a special outreach to those who, like himself, lived with AIDS. He also provided strong, but gentle, spiritual guidance to a number of social and philanthropic organizations such as Our River City Family, CGNIE and the Fairy Godfathers Fund.

Reverend Larry was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Dunlap. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sisters Lois Mellot of Beaverton, Oregon and Lynn Bieberdorf of Hillsboro, Oregon; half-brother Clyde Dunlap, Jr., of Flint, Michigan: and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a community of close, personal friends. At his request, Reverend Larry will be cremated and interred with his father in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

A memorial service celebrating Reverend Larry's life will be conducted on Saturday, August 21 at 10am in the main sanctuary at River City MCC, 34th and Broadway. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Home Health Program, the Fairy Godfathers Fund or to River City MCC. Arrangements through Nightingale-Gilmore Funeral Chapel.▼



Lawrence C. Dunlap

David Allan Kessner

Born in Twin Falls, Idaho, December 31, 1955. Orphaned at 2 years of age, he lived with many foster families until he joined the Armed Forces of the United States.

After being discharged, he relocated to Long Beach, CA, where he acquired his pilot's license before moving to Sacramento. He died on Flag Day, Monday, June 14, at Hope House.

David leaves behind his best friends, Ted Pfanner and Sonya Cox. He wanted to thank Mary Ann, Cheryl, Bill and Jane for giving him care with dignity; he had the greatest respect for Dr. Neil Flynn of the UCD Medical Center; he leaves special kind words of gratitude to Lori and Philip, his UCD Hospice registered nurses; and he thanks Tim Chamberlain, his caseworker at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation for the professional assistance he provided.

The memorial celebration of his life is pending. (Please leave a message at 916/344-7129 if you are interested in attending.) At a later date, David's ashes will be taken to Twin Falls, ID, where an attempt will be made to contact any relatives or foster families. David was a fair and generous person. He loved those in his life as he loved to fly.

Fly high and free, David. Soar in peace with the angels.▼

Frank Corbella Known as Z or Zion

Z,or Zion, as he was known by most of his friends in the gay community, died Friday, May 21, 1993 at 12:30 am. He celebrated his 31st birthday in the hospital on May 4th. Z had been a patient at Mercy General Hospital, Sacramento, for over 3 weeks, being treated for pnuemonia. He was HIV Positive.

Z's mother, family members and longtime personal friends Fred Hinden and Steve Sparling were with Z during his final days.

Zion was a true "free spirit;" Z loved love and he loved passion; Z loved sex and he loved music, dance, festivity, natural beauty and laughter. Z also loved indulgence in many things.

For those of us who loved the sometimes wild and always imaginative spirit that was Z, there will be a permanent vacancy in our hearts and souls as well an an empty space in our world.

Z, we will still watch for your enticing smile and unmistakably confident stride as well as your always creative and provocative attire as we pass through "Lavender Heights" in Sacramento. We will be very sad that you won't be there.

All of us will be the lesser for the loss of your creativity, imagination and flair. You did make a big difference. We will continue to love you and miss you Z. You will still live in our hearts and souls.▼

Kirk E. Rader

Kirk E. Rader died peacefully Wednesday, June 9, 1993 after a short battle with AIDS/HIV related pneumonia at Kaiser North.

He was one of the first founders of the Gay Classic Music Group.

A memorial will be held in Indiana by his brother Phil.

Any rememberences should be made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.▼

"Burn This" comes to Sacramento

M.Y.E., a Los Angeles-based production company, has announced plans for its first Sacramento theatrical production, Lanford Wilson's "Burn This," opening Wednesday, August 11, and will run through September 19. All performances take place in the old Crestview Theatre, located at the corner of Manzanita and Winding way in Carmichael. Mention that you read about it in MGW and get a discount.

30% of all proceeds will be donated to local organizations involved in the continuing fight against cancer, AIDS, and illiteracy. Sacramento organizations such as Loaves and Fishes, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, WEAVE, Sacramento Children's Home, Encore, and St. Robert's School will also be benefitted. Info: 441-1176.▼

LOCAL NEWS

Non-smoking classes offered

Smoking Cessation "My Choice - Smoke Free" is a seven week, free class that teaches a smoker to become a non-smoker, including coping mechanisms, nutrition, stress reduction, nicotine education and overall health information.

Sponsored by the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Tobacco Education Unit, the classes will be held at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street with orientation on July 20 at 7pm and the first class is scheduled for August 10. Pre-register: Julie Weckstein, 366-4469.▼

2nd Annual Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

The Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Film Festival will return to the Crest Theatre opening Friday, October 8 and 9.

Festival organizers, The Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento and Delta Lambda Phi, donated $3000 to charities last year. Beneficiaries of this year's festival will include: the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services; the Sacramento AIDS Foundation; the Health Education and Awareness for Lesbians (HEAL) and Domestic Violence Prevention programs of the Lambda Community Fund; and gay and lesbian student groups at CSUS.

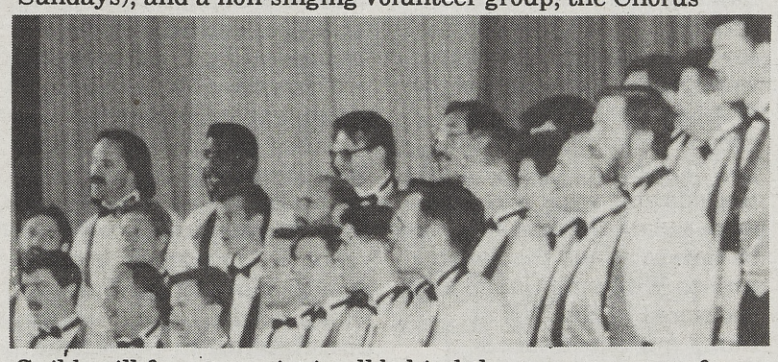
The festival committee is offering "Friend of the Festival" memberships with a minimum donation of $20. Members receive discounted tickets, recognition in the program guide and, for those who join before August 1, a free festival t-shirt.

As the film festival expands, positions for additional volunteers are becoming available. The organizing committee meets weekly at the Lambda Center on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Interested parties may contact Allen Cole at 916 482-6397.▼

Sacramento Men's Chorus begins new season

The Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC), a performing group of 45 men, is about to begin their 1993-94 season. A new member orientation will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at 7pm at the Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. There will be two audition nights, Tuesday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 3 at 7pm, also at Congregation B'nai Israel.

There will be a few changes this season: weekly rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7pm (instead of on Sundays); and a non-singing volunteer group, the Chorus



Guild, will form to assist in all behind-the-scenes support for the SMC. The Guild will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The next Guild meeting will be on Friday, July 23. Info: Bob, 487-3335.

To give new members and current members a chance to meet, there will be a social on Sunday, August 8 at the Townhouse (1517 21st Street, upstairs) from 6-9pm.

The Chorus' first official practice of the year is on Tuesday, August 10. Applications for new membership will close shortly after rehearsal. For those audience members who like planning ahead, the SMC will be performing in a joint concert with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus on Saturday, September 25 in Sacramento in conjunction with the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Info: 444-5213. To receive concert flyers, send name, address: The Sacramento Men's Chorus, Box 188726, Sac 95815.▼

Ice show to benefit AIDS Foundation

J. P. Lacari and Jon Johnson have once again pooled their talents to bring another Ice Show to Sacramento. Three shows are scheduled for July 31, and will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Last year's production raised over $7,000 and resulted in an additional show being added this year. Showtimes are 3pm, 6pm and 8:30pm. Tickets are available at the door, but reservations are recommended. General admission is $10, and $20 for reserved seating. Info: 482-3874.▼

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Rumor has it...

by John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

Rumor has it there's history in the making come mid July. It may turn out that the gay and lesbian community will be given the same status as others in the military. Keep those radios and television sets tuned to news talk! And for an insightful essay, check out the June 15 issue of the *Advocate*. And keeping the media abreast of our community's reaction to the military issue is the **Twin Spirit Veterans Association.** In association with the **Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council**, the two groups will host a press reception on July 15 in the morning through mid-afternoon. The reception takes place at the River City Metropolitan Community Church Grand ballroom at 2741 34th Street. Community leaders will be available for comments on whatever the outcome may be. Two leaders active in this ground breaking event are **Scott Farrell,** Secretary of the Town Council and **Lin Tolbert,** 2nd Officer for Twin Spirit ● You've all heard of the comedian **Dame Edna** from Down Under. It's surprising to note that for all his fame as an outrageous drag queen Dame Edna (aka Barry Humphries) is not homosexual. He has four children and has had four wives, the latest of whom is actress Lizzie Spender, daughter of the British poet Sir Stephen Spender. All of this was gathered from published reports, go figure ● Who the heck is **Sunny Bell**? (tame version) Woman rock to make you roll and music to twist your mind open! **Sunny Bell and the Untamed** will perform songs from the wild at **The Cafe Montreal** on July 24 ● **Pete Pavey** and **Tony Miller** made their annual big splash on July 4. It was hard to eat with all the laughter but somehow we managed. The most civilized part of the day was a game of croquet in the back forty. **Scott Hicks** who never ages a minute was there with a handsome new hubby. All in all, the party was and always is country living at its best ● **Mike Tentis** and **Jeff Farley** have made the big step after two years of dabbling. They moved in together. No longer do you have to go through customs to get to Mike's house. Initial reports are good after month number one, no word of any knife throwing or such. Best wishes! (And by the way Mike and Jeff met at the Pete and Tom Pool Party two years ago.) ● **Saw** a bumper sticker the other day beside a rainbow flag. It said "It's okay to be a Republican - we won't ask - you don't tell ● **Lambda Letters** sends special thank yous to many who responded to their appeal for contributions. A total of $3,300 was collected from 130 people. One $500 contribution was made and **Terry Sidee** of Faces Bar has agreed to match that amount. This brings the total to almost $4,000! ● A C.A.R.E.S. benefit is scheduled for opening night of the **Best Little Whore House in Texas** at the Community Center Theatre. **Yours truly** will get the crowd dancing with a lesson or two at the Hyatt Regency. The Hyatt will host a Country and Western party following the show. The man behind the scenes (if that's possible) is the one and only **Dennis Mangers ● Sacramento Area Gay and Lesbian Educators** (SAGLE) celebrated summer at a pool party at **Mike Kelly's** home. In preparation for the party the week before, three women made quite a splash. Apparently exhausted from the Lambda Fair, the notorious three (you know who you are) shed every stitch and hit the water. Mike claims this is the first time that women have gone skinny-dipping in his pool. The actual SAGLE party the following week was a bit more sedate ● There still may be time to attend the **Sacramento Women's Gathering** sponsored by SACWN at Camp Augusta. Space is limited for the July 23 - 25 outing. It's a very reasonable get-away including five meals ● **Finally ... A Gay Traffic School**. If you find yourself with a traffic ticket, now there's a school for you. While at the Lambda Center (on other business!) it was great to see the fun and attractive group attending their day in traffic school. It almost made me want to get a ticket just so I could go to the school ... not really ● Just a reminder, the fifth annual **Afrocentric Weekend Celebration** takes place July 16 - 18 ● The controversial bank at 21st and K is changing its image. Thanks to First Interstate's **Marlene Turner** who collected $500 from family and friends for the Capital AIDS Walk. We all applaud her efforts and caring. In fact most all the employees at the branch collected pledges and took part in the walk. Our heartfelt appreciation ● Another company you may want to lend your support to is **The Pride Company** of San Francisco. They feature clothes, embroidered patches and hats. To receive one of their catalogs, call 1-800-568-5880 ● The speaker at the **Parents FLAG** meeting on July 20 is **Martin Rogers, PhD.** Professor of Psychology at CSUS. His topic is "Changing Attitudes Toward Gay Men and Lesbian Women." The meeting is to be held in room N23 of the new building at St. Marks United Methodist Church. In years past Mr. Flash has taken classes from Dr. Rogers. It's an evening you'll never forget. Try to make it ● The next pool party for HIV+ people and their friends is July 17. This event is a Hawaiian theme. So dig out that grass skirt (or speedo) and hula over to **Mike Kelly's** home. For all the details please call 456-1610 ● Going back a few years, Joan Rivers claimed responsibility for Liz Taylor losing weight. Local celebrity **Jim Ralston** of "Open Road" fame is apparently getting very comfortable with the group and at home. As a result the pounds are setting in as well. Don't do it Jim! As your friends and fans, we want the old Jim back. (sent with love) ● The **Friday and Saturday Gay and Lesbian Late Night Film Series** continues with "Last Call at Maud's" July 16, 17, 23, 24 at the Tower Theatre. This US film is a lively tour of California's lesbian bar scene from WWII to "last call" at San Francisco's landmark, Maud's the oldest lesbian bar in the world. Then on July 30, 31 and August 6, 7 the Canadian film "No Skin Off word on one commercial airline, that upon greeting the passengers, one flight attendant welcomed all those visiting the "Washington Monument" the following weekend. As the plane landed at National Airport he once again thanked the passengers and welcomed those attending the Washington Monument and added "I'll see you there." For once customer service with our community in mind ● At my brother's wedding, I danced with the best man's fiancee. As we danced she yelled to her husband-to-be, "This is how a real man dances." Isn't it amusing that it takes a gay man to show a straight man how a real man dances! ● Until next time, have a safe and proud summer. Do some of the things you've always dreamed of doing. Call a friend you miss ...John▼

MGW/John Batchelor

Some of the Capital City Square's dancers.

MGW/Brigitte Bugayong

Russian River alive and kicking

Women gather poolside at Russian River's Women's Weekend at the Triple RRR Resort. Notice the one lone man in front center.

My Ass" plays in the series. This no budget romp features a punk hairdresser fixated on a baby faced skinhead. It's kind of a gay, punk rock variation of "That Cold Day in the Park." What more can be said. Make a point to support these projects ● As stories filter back from the **March On Washington**, Flash will pass them on to you. There's

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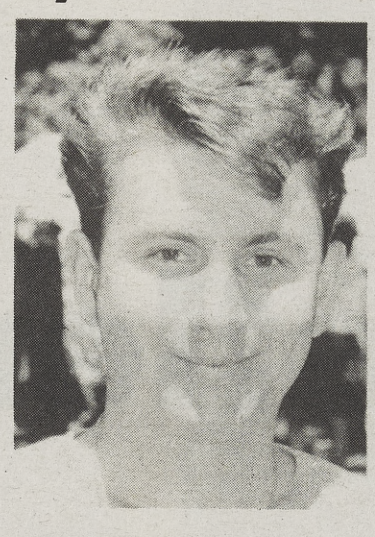
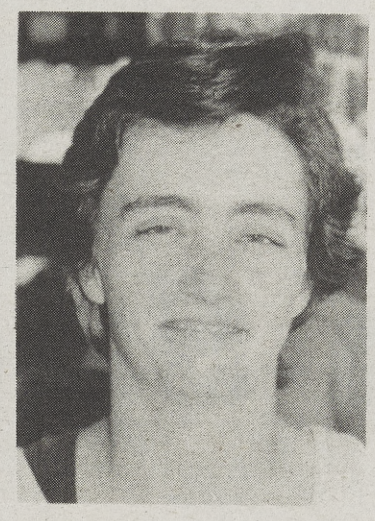
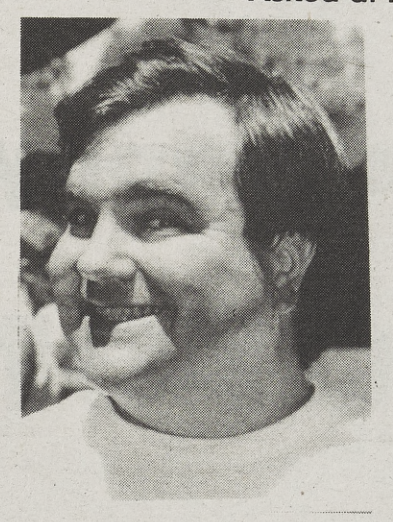


Scott Farrell
The Gay Mardi Gras in Australia. It's the largest single event in Australia.



Susan Briggs
To Germany, I want to visit my friend who is the lead dancer with the Stuttgart Ballet.



Steve Stapleton
New York City - for the Broadway shows, the opera, shopping, restaurants and the men!

MGW/ Charles Peer

Lin Tolbert
I'd like to go to Israel, to study the culture and visit the Holy Land.

by Al Kielwasser
GLAAD/SFBA

Paula Poundstone

Announcing her mission to "go places" and "learn things", comedy performer Paula Poundstone went to Colorado Springs to investigate the organized homophobia behind Amendment 2. Say Poundstone: "I thought I'd find the source of the problem, like lead paint or something".

What she learned is that the religious right, rather than lead paint, is the source of much of the hatred being whipped up in the Hate State. With incisive wit, Poundstone offers field notes from her journey in the May/June issue of *Mother Jones* magazine.

While in Colorado Springs, Poundstone put up fifteen anti-Amendment 2 billboards throughout the city. In the large text of each billboard, Poundstone asks colorado voters to consider this: "Maybe you misunderstood the question. No one is asking you to have sex with gay people, just to give them equal protections under the law".

Comments can be sent in care of *Mother Jones*, 1663 Mission Street, Ste. 200, San Francisco, CA 94103, or you can fax Paula at 415-863-5136.

Lesbian/Gay grand parenting

A soon-to-be-published book will include the stories of lesbian and gay grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Stories for the forthcoming anthology are being gathered by the American Friends Service Committee's Portland office,which hopes to make the book as diverse as possible. If you have a submission to offer or want further information, call Sherrian Haggar, AFSC Education Program Director, at 503-230-9429.▼

Library Journal

The April 15, 1993, issue of the national magazine *Library Journal* includes an article by Eric Bryant, "Making Things Perfectly Queer". Bryant's article advises library staff on ways to improve services to lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and how to put together a program for National Lesbian and Gay Book Month. The author interviewed over 50 librarians, publishers and booksellers, and he provides a wide range of resource material.

Send feedback to Bette-Lee Fox, Managing Editor, *Library Journal*, 249 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011. For more information about National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, contact Publisher's Triangle, c/o Michele Karlsberg, 585 North Railroad Avenue, Penthouse, Staten Island, NY 10304.

Fundamental hatred

The various fundamentalist organizations that make up the so-called "religious right" have stepped up their hate campaigns across the country, spreading homophobic lies in order to increase their financial profits. Each day, these organizations send out tens of thousands of letters calling for everything form keeping the military ban to instituting the "Death Penalty for Homosexuals". Monitoring this flood of hatred is necessary to successfully fight the right. You can get on the mailing lists of the leading homophobic groups simply by writing to them and asking for more information. And if you do, please keep GLAAD posted! American Family Association, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803; Christian Coalition, P.O. Box 1990, chesapeake, VA 23327; Concerned Women for American, P.O. Box 6545, Washington, DC 20035; Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 35500, Colorado Springs, CO 80995.▼

Affirmative *Trenz*

The May-issue of *Trenz*, which is self-identified as "America's premier magazine for young men and women," features article by Robert J. Kato on "Gay Relationships." A breakthrough piece for mainstream "youth magazines," Kato's article examines the positive aspects of gay relationships as he interviews a range of lesbian and gay youth. He also examines the difficulties of maintaining such relationships in a deeply homophobic society. The author concludes that, despite the challenges, being lesbian or gay "can also be a fun-filled, love-filled, satisfying adventure." The same issue of the magazine includes a full page advertisement showing two nude men embracing. The ad's text reads: Make love, not AIDS. Use condoms."

Magazine efforts such as this will not only educate heterosexual youth, but will provide accessible sources of affirmation for lesbian, gay and bisexual young people. Send high praise to Robert J. Kato, Editor-In-Chief, Trenz Magazine, 256 S. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211. ▼

Kathy Cole

The "Defamation of the Month" award goes to San Jose Council Member Kathy Cole who, on May 8, gave a speech in which she demeaned Asian and Pacific Islanders by slanting her eyes with her fingers, characterized Latinos and Latinas as "little pit bulls," and said that Asians and gays receive preferential treatment at San Jose's City Hall.

Though she has offered a public apology for making such racist and homophobic statements, Cole's sincerity is suspect. According to Robert Greeley, co-chair of the South Bay GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area, Council Member Cole has "a history of making meaningless mea culpas" and "she has refused all attempts at dialogue" with the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Following her official censure by the San Jose City Council, Cole has offered to meet with the communities she offended and attempt to educate herself. Encourage Cole to meet with South Bay GLAAD and other community organizations. Contact Kathy Cole, Member, San Jose City Council, 801 North First St., San Jose, CA 95110, tel. 408-277-4241.▼

Medical homophobia

The *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* refused to accept a paid advertisement from the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) The ad, which is headlined "Warning: Homophobia may Be Hazardous to Your Health," draws attention to violence and discrimination against lesbians and gays and encourages AMA passage of a sexual orientation nondiscrimination policy.

Robert Kenneth, Vice President of Publishing for JAMA, said that the ad, was rejected because it was "political" and "not scientific." However, AAPHR director Ben Schatz pointed out that JAMA has published a variety of political and "non-scientific" ads in the past, including military recruitment advertisements and ads from pharmaceutical companies challenging drug pricing regulations.

Send letters to Robert Kenneth, *Journal of the American Medical Association,* 515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610.▼

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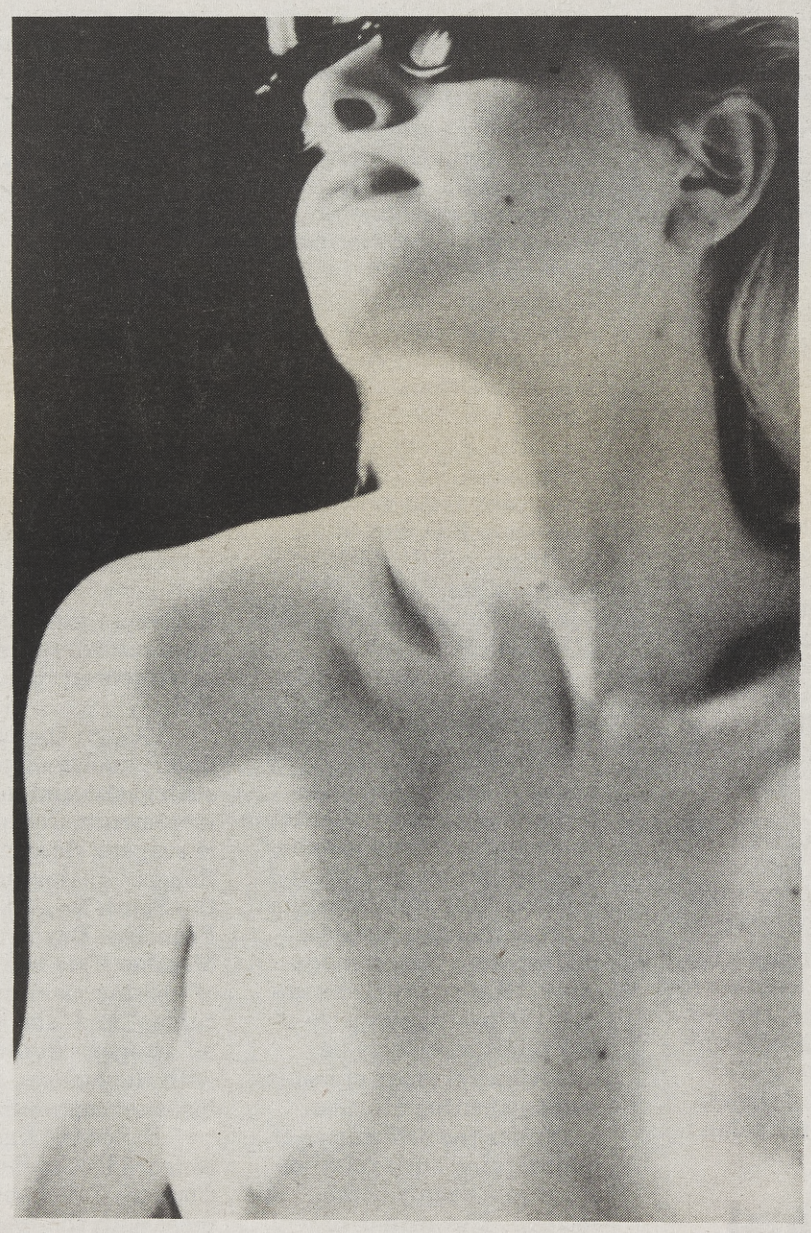
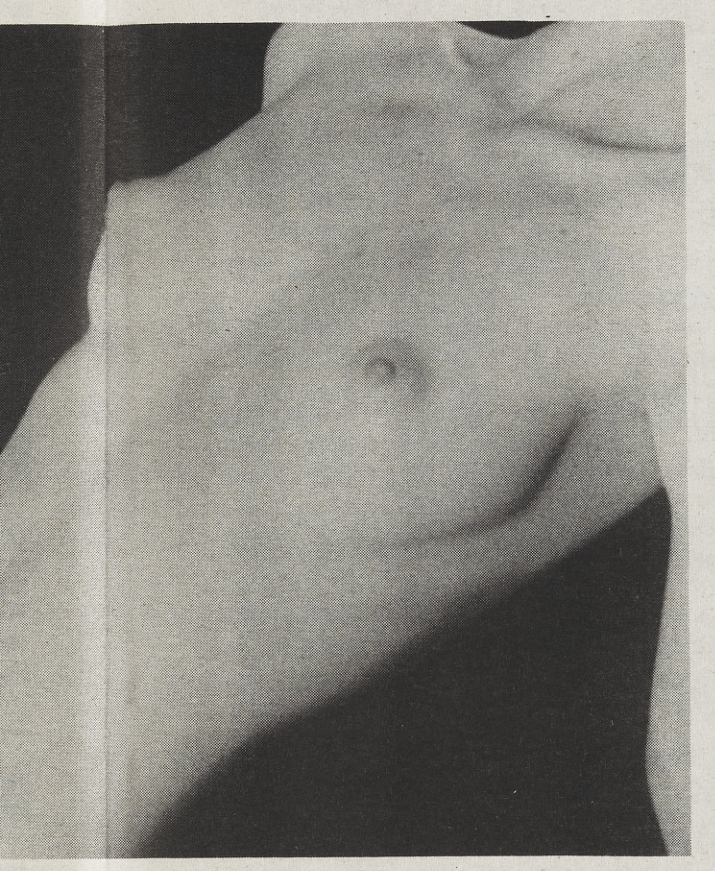
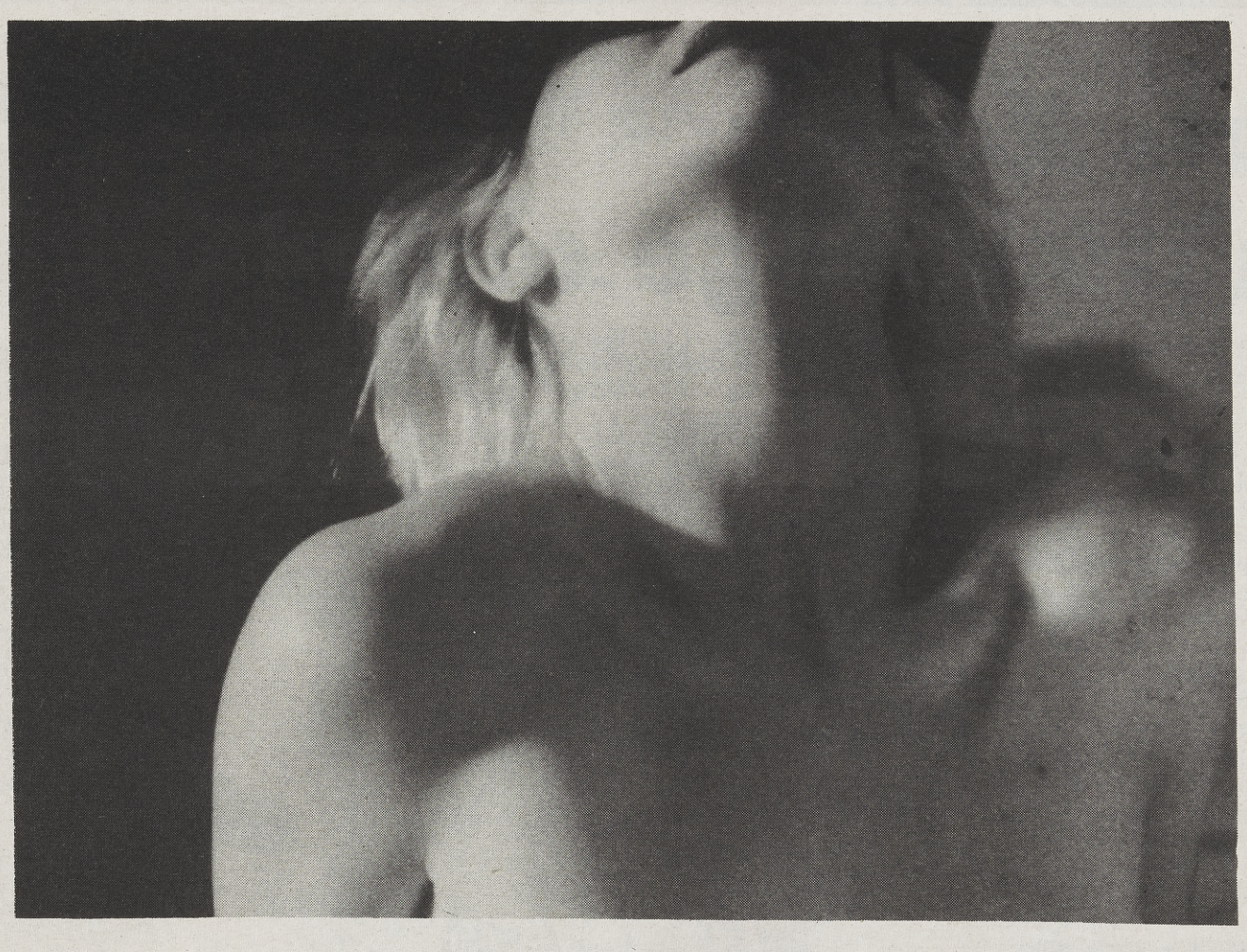






Kris Kovich: Cutting-edge comic

by Dell Richards
MGW Staff

San Francisco — In five short years, cartoonist Kris Kovich has gone from one of the most off-the-wall humorists of the gay community to one of the most highly respected. Kovich's satiric barbs are aimed at every segment of lesbian society from the old-time flannel-shirted work boot brigade to the newly minted riot girrrl crowd. Though still controversial, they now are seen as a healthy response to political correctness. By laughing with Kovich, gays and lesbians are beginning to mature enough as a community to be able to poke fun at themselves.

Kovich doesn't mind playing the court jester. In fact, "telling it like it is" is almost an obsession with her.

"The fool gets to say everything without getting her head chopped off," said the 41-year-old San Franciscan. "The whole idea of being very outrageous — not everybody gets to do it or to lay it for very long."

And say it she does, taking aim at everyone's stance.

"She's one of the bravest, one of the brightest people I know," said Jane Troxell, senior editor of Lambda Book Report. "She's an upstart, the one throwing cold water in people's faces, the one throwing icy water on their illusions of political correctness — or political incorrectness.

"She pretty much sends up everybody."

Kovich's first book, *What I Love About Lesbian Politics is Arguing with People I Agree With,* sends up nearly every sacred cow:

* Vegetarians: "I'm a vegetarian not because I love animals but because I hate plants."

* Turkey baster babies: "It's amazing what you can make at home."

* The Amazon Army knife: Lipstick, whistle, gun, mace, condom and remote control included.

But the role of court jester is a two-edged sword. Kovich has angered many in the gay community with her take-no-prisoners approach. And she regularly runs into censorship even from liberal gay magazines.

Alison Bechdel, creator of *Dykes to Watch Out For* and no self-confidence has come an ability to take a hard look at itself, to welcome criticism and admit that everyone, even gays, make mistakes.

Despite her outsider status, Kovich publishes consistently. Because of her drafting talents, she also has been asked to illustrate books, including the upcoming summer release *Glib Quips,* a collection of quotable quotes from Gloria Steinem to Nancy Reagan.

In addition to cutting-edge comics, Kovich recently ventured into another not-so-legit arena. Though she hasn't signed a deal, she expects her next solo work to be a book of lesbian erotica that deals with such taboo subjects as gender crossing. She currently is "experimenting with porn, not erotica, not dolphins and waves but raw, pumping like a piston" sexual imagery.

"Certain elements of porn are essential to making women feel great," said Kovich. "I don't want to make them feel shameful but sexy. We have a lot of possibilities."

Kovich says she found a crying need for erotic short stories during a book promo tour of the country. Everywhere she went, from the Bible Belt Midwest to sophisticated urban areas, women were down-and-dirty sexual writing.

"When the Berlin Wall came down, people were hungry for CDs, VCRs, Vegematics," said Kovich. "These women were hungry for porn that didn't make them feel like shit, that was real and vital and really about sex!

"That's what's happening slouch in the cartoon department herself, says that Kovich's brilliance and bravery go hand-in-hand.

"A lot of people have a hard time with her work," said Bechdel, who jokes that Kovich is her 'evil twin' since they were both born on September 10 in different years.

"People still really balk at a lot of her stuff and she gets into a lot of trouble because she really pushes the envelope."

Kovich has been landed at the edge of the gay community time and again with her slash-and-burn techniques. She cuts so close to the bone, people often howl in pain.

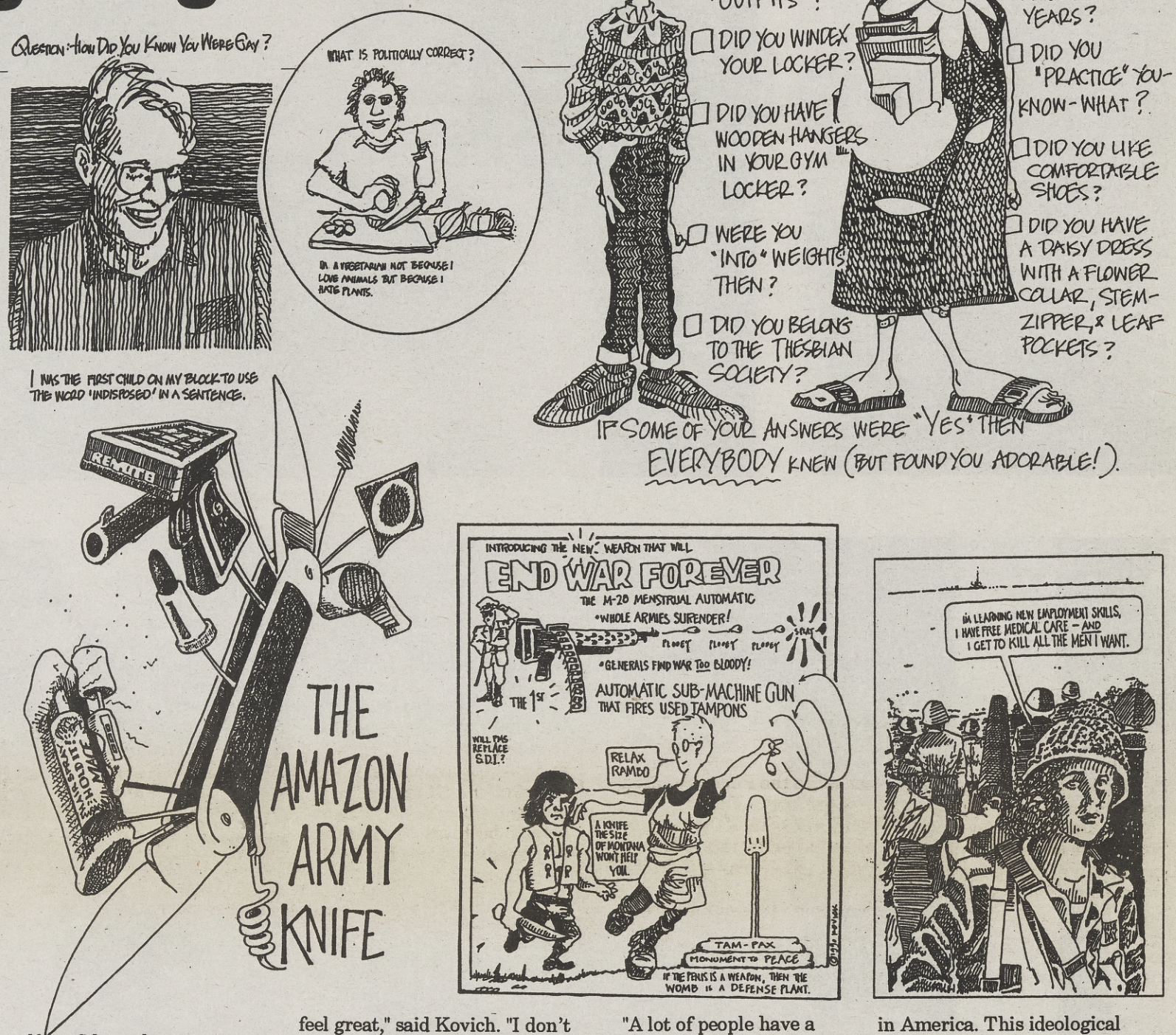
"As a community, we're not completely ready to laugh at ourselves," said Bechdel. "We still do take ourselves too seriously."

But the gay community has become more self-confident in the past decade. With that in America. This ideological wall is falling, no matter what we do. The whole, big bugaboo about being a lesbian and being a homosexual is all crumbling."

"As lesbians, even anti-porn lesbians, we're realizing that there's a way of saying things to each other, a way of being with each other, that is not woman-hating but is hot and sexy and still part of our vital culture."

For Kovich, this new twist in her already twisted lexicon of images and aphorisms may be the final nail in her coffin — or the jolt that makes her name a household world.

Dell Richards is a nationally syndicated journalist whose book, "Lesbian Lists," is available nationwide.▼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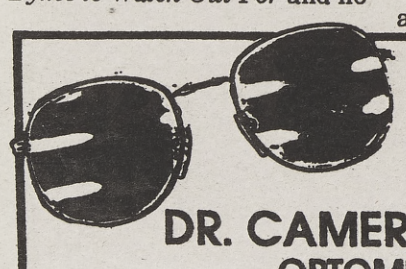

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ENTERTAINMENT

Lambda Players are good *Company*

by Erich Mathias
MGW/Staff

The Lambda Players are very fine com pany, indeed: they sing lively songs, dance their "hour upon the stage", and provide wonderfully adequate versions of George Furth/ Stephen Sondheim tunes in ***Company***, the closing production for their 1993 season.

By far their most ambitious production to date, the Lambda Players have filled the stage with an impressive array of lush songs and vigorous dances. Sondheim is known for the challenges he presents singers, and certainly this cast has lived up to them. Sondheim's lyrical tattoo is especially evident in "Getting Married" and "Another Hundred People" where he appears hell bent on yanking as many words out of a singer's mouth - in the shortest period, mind you - as is humanly possible. Ann M. Wheatly sings "Getting Married", bringing a jittery edge to her bride's desperation just before she trods down the aisle. Lisa Brodkey's rendition of "Another Hundred People" is breathtaking and beautifully performed.

Sondheim has a sweetly lyrical side as well. Standing in this candied limelight was the outstanding Christian Bohm. Singing "Being Alive" with an intensity and resonance that was chilling, Boam displayed an astute versatility in the whimsical "Barcelona", a duet with Traci Wheeler. "Sorry/Grateful" plays out life's paradox of good and evil, sung with stunning grace by Fletcher D accompanied by Gary Lea and Mark Brown. An incredible show stopper was found in "Ladies Who Lunch" performed by Martha Omiyo Kight.

Company is, in many ways, the epitome of the silly musical. There is no twisting plot thread, no real irony, no deep meaning or startling revelations. But who needs them! ***Company*** seems almost to have been written as a vehicle for its songs alone and fortunately the songs are powerful enough to carry the weight of the show with dignity.

Director John Mitchell has stated that "[***Company***] sure ain't ***Oklahoma!***" without rendering a clue as to why the Lambda Players felt compelled to perform ***Company*** in the first place. One might speculate that a theme of unrequited gay love may be found in the character Bobby, a bachelor pushed to the brink of marriage by his friends, or perhaps a motive can be found in the group's hope of appealing to a broader audience. One wonders. The charm of ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***, performed earlier in the Players' season, was the troupe's thoughtful reinterpretation, their nuance of sexual ambiguity and provocative turns of the screw that brought fresh life to something Queen Elizabeth I applauded, something that should not, by its nature, be ambiguous, refreshing or provocative.

Company remains, however, a showcase of talent from within the community and is an impressive first effort at a full scale musical that might leave you humming all the way home.▼

Castro Theatre Celebrates Pasolini

Prolific Italian director, screenwriter, novelist, film critic and theorist Pier Paolo Pasolini will be profiled in a series of films at the Castro from Friday, July 23 to Tuesday, August 5.

Unpredictable and perplexing in quality, among the better films selected are *Accatone!* (made with the early assistance of Bernardo Bertolucci) based on a Pasolini novel that mirrors the director's brutal murder by a 17 year-old youth who claimed Pasolini had made homosexual advances against him, the visually complex *Medea* starring Maria Callas and Pasolini's masterpiece *The Gospel According to Matthew*, a spare, tender and sacred film about the life and teachings of Christ taken from the writings of the Apostle Matthew. Other titles include *Hawks and Sparrows*, *Teorema*, *Oedipus Rex* and the truly excessive, awful but amazing *Salo: The 120 Days of Sodom*.

Pasolini's retrospective is presented by The Instituto Italiano di Cultura and the San Francisco Film Society. The Castro Theatre is located at Castro and Market Sts. in San Francisco, call theatre for showtimes, 415 621-6120.▼

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Last Call at Maud's ▼▼▼

1993, Color, Black & White, 77 mins.
Directed by **Paris Poirier**
Featuring **Rikki Streicher, Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Sally Gearhart, Judy Grahn, JoAnn Loulan, Gwenn Craig, Jo Daly, Pat Norman, Mary Wings.**

A heartfelt documentary feature of an eclectic group of women, focusing on remembrances and thoughts of the

owner, comrades and patrons of Maud's, a women's bar on Cole Street in San Francisco that closed its doors permanently in September 1989.

This sometimes surprising film is a candid outpouring of nebulous mementos and razor-sharp social observations. It moves swiftly from dykes in suits to fems in beehives, from drugs, love beads and free love to women as a political force emerging from the straight and gay white male cerement of the 70s and 80s. The film concludes with the more sober, committed and illuminating voice of women today. Good use of music and the droll, pointed use of home movies, archival footage and other memorabilia make ***Last Call at Maud's*** a stimulating chronicle and enlightening affirmation of lesbian history. ***-Erich Mathias.***

Sacramento Premiere at Tower Theatre, July 17 & 18 and July 23 & 24. Call theatre for showtimes.▼

Film & Video Rating System:

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Orlando ▼▼▼ 1/2
1993, Color, 93 mins.
Directed by **Sally Potter.**
Starring **Tilda Swinton, Billy Zane, Lothaire Bluteau, John Wood, Charlotte Valandrey, Heathcote Williams, Quentin Crisp.**

A colorful, fascinating escapade based on Virginia Woolf's 1928 novel about English nobleman Orlando (Swinton) commanded by an adoring,

ancient Queen Elizabeth I (Crisp) to neither fade nor whither nor grow old. Orlando obeys and begins a 400-years journey through time, space and gender traveled over roads of Death, Love, Poetry, Politics, Society, Sex and finally Birth.

This meticulous, lush and vibrant production loses some of its magic and bogs down toward the middle (in part because Bluteau, of ***Jesus of Montreal*** fame, looks atypically stilted and bored) but is saved by the mesmerizing Swinton, amazing costumes by Sandy Powell and overwhelming, majestic production design by Ben van Os and Jan Roelfs (***Prospero's Books***). Adequate Tangerine Dream-like score (by writer/director Potter and David Motion) and gentle nods to issues of feminism and class do not add or detract from what is essentially a joyful trip on a major hallucinogenic drug. ***- Erich Mathias***

Opens Friday, July 16 at Tower Theatre. Call theatre for showtimes.

No Skin Off My Ass ▼▼ 1/2
1991, Black & White, 73 mins.
Directed by **Bruce LaBruce.**
Starring **Bruce LaBruce, Klaus Von Brucker, G.B. Jones.**

Explicit, low-budget neo-fag romance of "Sprockets"-like LaBruce and street-urchin skinhead Von Brucker based on Richard Miles' novel *That Cold Day In The Park*. Largely uninspired and unerotic, ***No Skin Off My Ass*** sparkles now and again with some really terrific songs and occasionally witty posturing and dialogue but is otherwise doomed by impotent dubbing and laughable narration. Not unlike any number of Kenneth Anger's or John Cassavettes' crude, experimental efforts but never quite as interesting. Definitely on a par with Robert Altman's film version of the same material (***That Cold Day In The Park***, 1969, starring Sandy Dennis) but without the cult value. ***- Erich Mathias.***

Sacramento premiere at Tower Theatre, July 30 & 31 and August 6 & 7. Call theatre for showtimes.

VIDEO

New Release

Swoon ▼▼▼
1991, Black & White, 95 mins.
Directed by **Tom Kalin**
Starring **Craig Chester, Daniel Schlachet.**

Intriguing, detailed examination of infamous Loeb/Leopold murder case from 1920s Chicago is a powerful indictment of homophobia, marred slightly by choppy editing. Moody performances by the two leads (and amusing Jarmanesque touches involving modern props) make this a spellbinding film. Also see Alfred Hitchcock's ***Rope*** (1948) and Richard Fleischer's ***Compulsion*** (1959) based on the same material. Watch for Chester in Richard Glatzer's smart 1993 film ***Grief***, currently making the rounds in the International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.**E.M.**

Video Dare

Drowning By Numbers ▼▼▼▼
1987, British, Color, 121 mins.
Directed By **Peter Greenaway**
Starring **Joan Plowright, Bernard Hill, Juliet Stevenson, Joely Richardson.**

Incredible film from the director of ***The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover*** that is played out in a literal series of numbers and games, centering on an older woman who murders her husband and conspires with an amorous coroner to cover it up. Mythic, humorous and sharp with typically luminous Sascha Vierny cinematography and haunting Michael Nyman score. Don't miss this unusual, brilliant and curious film.**E.M.**

Vintage Video

The Awful Truth ▼▼▼ 1/2
1937, Black & White, 92 mins.
Directed By **Leo McCarey**
Starring **Irene Dunne, Cary Grant, Ralph Bellamy.**

Magical, witty (and influential) comedy of divorced Dunne and Grant seeking new partners while diligently attempting to destroy the other's intentions. One classic scene after another including haywire scene when Dunne impersonates Grant's sister at his new fiancee's home. Academy Award winner for best direction. Followed by the similar ***His Girl Friday*** (also with Grant) and ***My Favorite Wife*** (reteaming Grant and Dunne) both in 1940.**E.M.**

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Chapter Sixteen

This is the story of Adam...

Previously: Adam's friendship with Larry had come to an abrupt end. The day Larry was to leave to move to Florida rapidly approached and Adam felt compelled to speak with him one last time.

I arrived at Larry's house to see him loading up a U-Haul truck with his family's belongings. I knew his leaving was true and it destroyed something deep inside of me. I approached him in fear. He saw me but made no attempt to walk away. When I was close enough he spoke.

"About that other night... I've been wanting to say I am sorry..." he began. I cut him off.

"Apologies aren't necessary. I wanted to say good-bye and remember the good times. Not the bad. Things happen." I comforted, looking him straight in those eyes. I looked at him. He was wearing what he wore the night he saved my life. His face was warm and bright like when we first met. His glasses framed his twinkling blue eyes.

"You have been a good friend. I will miss you," he said as he began to sniffle.

"I will miss you terribly," I said,

"Your the first real friend I've ever had. The first person who really knew me."

No words were spoken as he grabbed me and hugged me tight. I could hear him crying, and began myself.

"I meant it when I said I loved you. I will come back when I am old enough. We can get a place together." he said.

He said good-bye again and turned toward the house and walked away. He looked over his shoulder and smiled warmly one last time. Suddenly I heard loud music. Everything went black when I realized I was looking at the inside of my eyelids. I opened my eyes to find myself in bed, my radio alarm clock blaring beside me.

The dream seemed so real. The color, the clarity. I knew a lot of what had happened in it was far fetched, but I had resolved, because of the dream, that I would go tell Larry good-bye.

It was Saturday morning. He may have already left. I rushed into my clothes and ran to my car. The ride to his house seemed to last decades. I rolled over in my mind what I should say. My chest trembled violently with nerves.

When approaching the house I saw that everything was gone. The birdbath that used to sit on the lawn was gone, and the little plastic sprinkler that I had tripped on not so long ago. They must have packed up already.

I took a deep breath and approached the door. My hands were shaking. I reached out and tapped the door three times. The door cracked open and Larry peeked through.

"Oh... hi," he said, his face was carved in stone, without expression. I could sense he was nervous and embarrassed. "I just wanted to tell you good-bye. No fights, no past, just good-bye. We were good friends once. I like to think we still are."

"My father will be here soon, I think you might want to go."

"Of course. I don't want any trouble." I wanted to cry but trapped the tears somewhere in my head. "Good bye, Larry... Take care..."

"Bye" he said. I heard the door snap shut. The sound resounded through me. With the sound my soul shattered. Tears forcefully flushed my eyes. I held them back.

In the car I began to hate myself. I scolded myself for being a dreamer and believing in my dreams. I really tried to be his friend. I did all I could for him. I had such high hopes for our good-bye, but all I got was a door in my face. No tears, no "I'll miss you." Not even a "Good" before his "bye" I felt so cheated.

The radio was playing but I didn't really notice it until a certain song had come on. I had heard it before and always knew it was the perfect song for Larry's departure. Some devil made certain it would come on. Perhaps it was an angel trying to help me get it all out so I could move on.

"How can I just let you walk away, just let you leave without a trace. When I stand here taking every breath with you.." it mocked. I began to sing with it.

"How can you just walk away from me. When all I can do is watch you leave, when we've shared the laughter and the pain.. We even shared the tears.... Your the only one who really knew me at all."

I began to scream the lyrics that followed, I imagined Larry listening, "TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME NOW!!! Well there's just an empty space... but to wait for you is all I can do and that's what I got to face." I clicked the radio off... I couldn't face the music. The dam broke and large tears wet my face. My nose leaked. I looked at myself in the rear view mirror.

"Look at yourself," I screamed, "you're eighteen and you're bawling like a baby!"

How could I be anything else? I had been just been born into what I truly was and the struggle was equal to or worse than learning to walk and speak as an infant. I let myself continue to cry for the rest of the weekend.

Even now as an adult knowing that I probably didn't love him by mature standards I still see a dark haired boy hunched over the handle bars of a dirt bike, and I look again, it's never him. I always secretly wished he would come back. That he would love me.....

I hope you enjoyed the story.. There is more to come with old characters and new in HOUSE OF STICKS.

Bye for now, Andross.▼

Massachusetts educators ban discrimination

The Massachusetts Board of Education became the first in the nation to endorse a series of measures aimed to protect the rights of gay, lesbian, and bisexual students in the Commonwealth's schools.

In a unanimous vote, the Board endorsed the recommendations by the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth

The recommendations endorsed by the Board of Education are:

1. Schools are encouraged to develop policies protecting gay and lesbian students from harassment, violence, and discrimination.

2. Schools are encouraged to offer training to school personnel in violence prevention and suicide prevention, especially as related to gay and lesbian youth.

3. Schools are encouraged to offer school-based support groups for gay, lesbian, and heterosexual students.

Schools are encouraged to provide school-based counseling for family members of gay and lesbian youth.

David LaFontaine, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, applauded the action. "This will be a foundation to build support for the rights of all gay and lesbian students in our schools." LaFontaine noted that the Commission is currently working with the state's Department of Education to design training sessions for teachers to familiarize them with issues revolving around the support of gay and lesbian students.

The Board of Education heard testimony from LaFontaine, gay and lesbian students, and a public school teacher. Jessica Byers, a student at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, described how she was fully supported by fellow students when she told them two years ago that she was a lesbian. She credited this to the existence of Project 10 East, which has worked for several years to educate students about the issues that gay and lesbian students deal with.

Anne Simon, a learning specialist at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School in Sudbury, Massachusetts, described for the Board an incident at which two female students were harassed by a large crowd yelling homophobic taunts. "There is no doubt in my mind that if there had not been an intervention, those two students would have been in danger of being physically harmed," Simon reported. She described how her school formed a Gay-Straight Alliance, made up of homosexual and heterosexual students, to provide education and support for gay and lesbian students. Because of this, she said, "We have created a safer environment for gay and lesbian students."

Governor William Weld, the first governor in the nation to appoint a commission to address the concerns of gay and lesbian youth, said that, "The Board of Education slice is just about right. They supported measures to support gay and lesbian students who might feel harassed or discriminated against." Weld went on to say that he feels parents need to teach their children "tolerance for diversity and non-discrimination."▼

Dame Edna...Man or woman?

The Dame Edna Everage's show, "Edna Time," on Fox TV... man or woman? When she takes off her purple wigs and sequined dresses, Dame Edna becomes Barry Humphries, a 6-foot-4 Australian comedian.

For all his fame as an outrageous drag queen, however, Humphries -- a 59-year-old recovered alcoholic -- is not gay. He has four children and has had four wives, the latest of whom is actress Lizzie Spender, daughter of the British poet Sir Stephen Spender.

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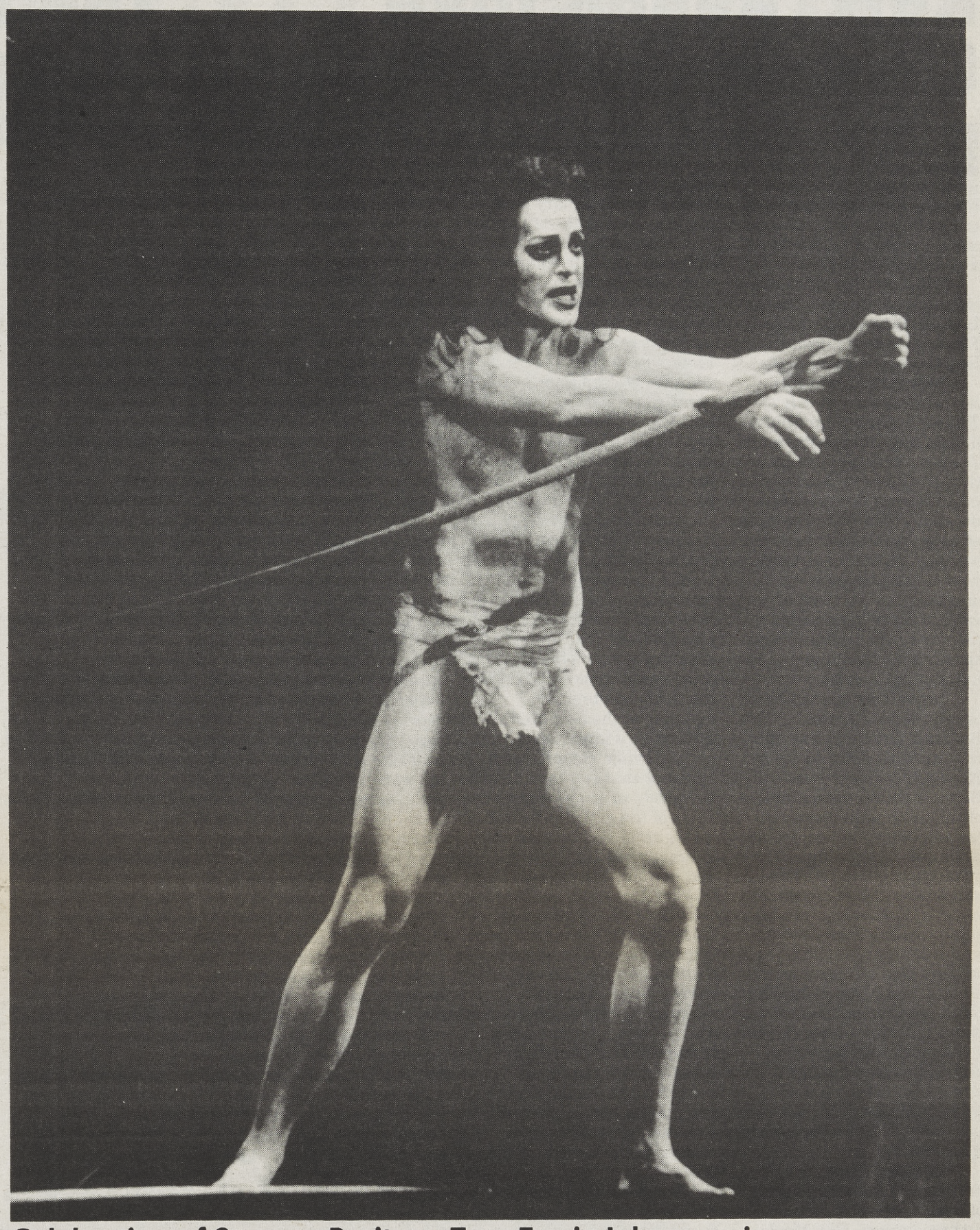

Celebration of Strauss, Baritone Tom Fox is Jokanaan in Richard Strauss' *Salome*.

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW/Staff

Salome opened the summer festival in a brilliant production from the Los Angeles Music Center Opera.

The projected background featured menacing desert plants, huge agave blooms, palms and towering trees, all surrounded by a changing melange of geometrical shapes to highlight the nightmarish quality of this work.

As the Judean princess, Maria Ewing rated an A for acting but an F for singing. Her Salome was an amoral pouty adolescent discovering sexuality with a chilling single-mindedness. The Dance of the Seven Veils was less-than-steamy veil-flapping until she dropped everything in full frontal view of the audience. What a pity that such a fine visual performance was accompanied by such inadequate vocalism. This role requires a soprano which can soar over Strauss' massive orchestra. Ms. Ewing, a mezzo, just does not have the necessary sound. High notes were painfully shrieked, and phrase after phrase was completely buried by the orchestra. Only in the middle range was her rich mezzo successful.

Robert Tear's well-sung, *Capriccio* is a three-hour, often tedious, debate over which is more important to opera: the words or the music. The Countess must choose between the attentions of a composer (Flamand) and a poet (Olivier). In the end she cannot decide. (The Countess' indecision is not shared by opera fans. This work, relying more on words rather than on music, left about 1/3 of the house vacant, despite the presence of the great Kiri Te Kanawa as the Countess.) The SFO revived its opulent 1990 production with largely the same cast. Ms Te Kanawa is still the perfect Strauss soprano, able to float and soar with gorgeous ease. The roles were extremely well sung and acted, especially tenor David Kuebler as the impetuous Flamand, Simon Keenlyside as the more worldly Olivier, Hakan Hagegard as the Count, Tatiana Troyasnos as the actress Clairon, and Victor Braun as the theater director La Roche. Donald Runnicles conducted.

Der Rosenkavalier was staged by Lofti Mansouri using recreations of the original 1911 sets and action. The singing was uneven, sometimes glowing, other times disappointing. The final scene of the first act was movingly done and the final soaring trio and duet were radiant. But the representation of the rose made little effect, mostly because Sophie lacked an ethereal upper register. Felicity Lott as the Marschallin at first seemed too young and girlish but grew into a poignant character. Her sound, though secure, lacks distinguishing color. Frederica von Stade's mezzo is too pale for an ideal Octavian, but she sang well and her acting made us believe that she was indeed a 17-year-old boy. Christine Schafer's soprano seemed taxed by the high-lying phrases of Sophie. Those exquisite high notes should sound as if they just appeared out of the air, but hers did not. Eric Halfvarson stressed the coarseness and sliminess of Baron Ochs without falling back on slapstick. His was the strongest most complete character in the performance, and he has the rolling low notes for the waltz. Catherine Keen and Michel Senechal were especially amusing as Annina and Valacchi. Charles Mackerras conducted with great style.▼

... which is more important to opera: the words or the music?

Katz, Kenan take Lambda fiction honors

Edmund White has written that the experience gay and lesbian writers bring to literature is that of the outsider, the person who always looks at society from a certain distance.

What distinguishes the writing of this years' two Lambda Literary Award Fiction winners is that they look through a double lens.

Judith Katz' winning novel, *Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound*, details a life both lesbian and Jewish. From this perspective, she has constructed a novel of magical realism, a dream world which interpenetrates and coexists with the world of ordinary existence, a world that borders on the mystical and the mad, a world of exaltation and of abject demoralization. Katz speaks with a unique , unmistakable voice.

Randall Kenan has been called the new James Baldwin, but that characterization is too glib and facile. Kenan may share with Baldwin an acute awareness of the destructive power of racism, but he writes not so much out of anger but out of knowledge. Unlike Baldwin, who lived much of his life as an exile, Kenan can inhabit many worlds - black and white, country and city. In his Gay Men's Fiction winning *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead,* Kenan enters into many consicousnesses: a poor woman school teacher descending into madness, and a successful black accountant itemizing his own private hell. Kenan speaks in many voices.

Katz and Kenan are, however, but representative of a stellar year in lesbian and gay letters. Gay Men's Nonfiction winner Paul Monette, whose *Becoming a Man* has already been graced with a National Book Award, has in the past few years become a kind of living legend, an exemplary mortal transfigured by the truths he has to tell. Similarly a figure of legend, the late Audre Lorde has left us in *Undersong* a testament to a will and a discipline and an integrity sorely needed and already sorely missed. And Blanche Wiesen Cook, winner for Lesbian Nonfiction, has reclaimed a legendary figure in her biography, *Eleanor Roosevelt* and made her legacy more available to us.

Humor winner Alison Bechdel compresses a whole cosmos into a laugh. Joan Nestle, in editing the Lesbian Anthology winning *The Persistent Desire*, has explored the archetypes of our community made flesh, while John Preston, no stranger to the flesh, has brought together in the Gay Men's Anthology winner, *Member of the Family*, compelling evidence that gay men do not live solely in some magic circle of the gay ghetto, but spring from and continually interact with the families that are our first homes. In Edward Field, whose *Counting Myself Lucky* won Gay Men's Poetry, we have a poet who has labored long, and with humor, despite never having gained the full measure of fame he deserves. And in David Wojnarowicz, *Memories That Smell Like Gasoline* won the Small Press Award, we have a life cut short yet treasured with a passionate, inflamed awareness every step of the way.

The publisher's Service Award honors Craig Rodwell, founder of the The Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop in 1967, a true pioneer in our movement. A veteran of Stonewall, he is, at this writing, in the final weeks of his life, suffering from terminal cancer. Where others saw mere books Rodwell saw a gay and lesbian community.

And for the Editor's Choice Award, we have chosen a book that demonstrates that gay and lesbian writing still has the power to provoke, to shock, to irritate and to bring new insights. Nine publishers rejected Richard Mohr's *Gay Ideas* before Beacon Press found the courage to put it in print - only to face further obstacles from printers. Richard Mohr doesn't fit neatly on anyone's political map: his defense of outing is more radical than anything Act Up has proposed, yet based not on the logic of punishment and reward, but on moral decency. His claim that gay male relationships can provide a model for all society of democratic equality is daring and needed. And in his warnings of the risks that yet await our struggle, he provides a cautionary voice which we ignore at our peril.

The Lambda Literary Awards are sponsored by *The Lambda Book Report, A Review of Contemporary Gay and Lesbian Literature.* This years gala pre-banquet reception was hosted by *Ten Percent* magazine of San Francisco. Lammy Winners were selected from 75 finalists by 15 panels of judges. The finalists were chosen by a committee of lesbian and gay book professional out of over 200 books nominated by *Lambda Book Report* readers and others. Nominations for the 1994 literary awards will open December 1: deadline for nominations is February 9, 1994.▼

The Lammy Winners

Lesbian Fiction	*Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound* Judith Katz Firebrand Books
Gay Men's Fiction	*Let the Dead Bury Their Dead* Randall Kenan Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
Lesbian Nonfiction	*Eleanor Roosevelt* Blanche Wiesen Cook Viking
Gay Men's Nonfiction	Becoming a Man Paul Monette Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
Lesbian Poetry	Undersong Audre Lorde W.W. Norton
Gay Men's Poetry	*Counting Myself Lucky* Edward Field Black Sparrow Press
Lesbian Mystery (tie)	*Two Bit Tango* Elizabeth Pincus Spinsters Book Company
	Crazy for Loving Jaye Maiman Naiad Press
Gay Men's Mystery	The Hidden Law Michael Nava HarperCollins
Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy	Ammonite Nicola Griffith Del Ray
Gay Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy	*China Mountain Zhang* Maureen F. McHugh TOR Books
Gay Men's Anthologies	*A Member of the Family* John Preston, editor E.P.Dutton
Lesbian Anthologies	*The Persistent Desire* Joan Nestle, editor Alyson Publications
Lesbian/Gay Small *Gasoline*	*Memories That Smell Like* Press Book Award David Wojnarowicz Artspace Books
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Children's/Young Adult Literature	*When Heroes Die* Penny Raife Durant Atheneum
Editors' Choice	*Gay Ideas* Richard Mohr Beacon Press
Publisher's Service Award	Craig Rodwell Founder, Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop

Art book to commemorate Stonewall 25

Original artwork by lesbian and gay artists are being sought for a unique art book saluting the Stonewall Rebellion's 25th Anniversary.

The high quality, four color publication will feature more than one hundred persons and events making gay/lesbian history since 1969. The book will include original oil/acrylic paintings, pen/ink /charcoal drawings, sculpture, photography and computer illustrations. The donated artworks will also be assembled into a national touring art exhibit celebrating community pride.

Interested artists are asked to submit color slides or other copies of existing art for judging by an impartial jury. Submissions should be sent by August 1 to Art Project, Box 3416, Hollywood, CA 90028. There is a five slide limit and a self-addressed, stamped envelope is required for returning materials. Artists will be selected by August 31 and advised of their artistic subject.

In addition to these original artworks, photographs of key movement persons and events of the last 25 years will be interspersed into the book. Anyone wishing to donate photos or write poetry, narrations, etc. should submit samples to the aforementioned address by August 1.

The artwork will go on sale for $79.95 during the Stonewall 25 Celebration in New York City, June 24 to 26, 1994. The art exhibit will also be inaugurated at that time. A discount pre-publication price of $60, plus shipping and handling, will be offered in September, 1993.▼

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"For a long time, we've wanted to add more atmosphere and local color to our directory of gay and lesbian places," states publisher and editor, Marianne Ferrari. "This collection of original articles by local gay and lesbian journalists is a window through which readers gain an intimate overview of gay and lesbian life in the destinations covered." According to Ferrari, "Each article gives one a feel for what to expect as a gay or lesbian tourist in a given area."

The result is a giant leap forward in an industry that is currently exploding. Studies proving that gays and lesbians are four times more likely to travel overseas have led to a tremendous increase in the number of entries in the past few years. Lesbian and gay bars, restaurants, beaches, bookstores, hotlines and more. For travel planning, there are comprehensive lists of gay and gay-friendly travel agents, tours, resorts and cruises. Accompanying the list is a year-long worldwide calendar of specific gay and lesbian interest.

The 14th edition not only contains new features, old favorites and twice the photos, it also has grown from its familiar 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" size to an impressive 8 1/2" x 11". The book has taken on a new coffee table weight and elegance. It has become much more than a travel directory. "It's a complete vacation planner for the gay and lesbian traveler," notes Ferrari.

Ferrari's Places For Men and *Ferrari's Places For Women* are the pocket sized versions for the larger vacation planner. Minus the articles, they're very portable gender-specific versions of the larger book.

Travel guides from Ferrari Publications are available at Waldenbooks, B. Dalton, Tower Records, Lioness Books and thousands of independent bookstores worldwide, retailing from $12 to $14.95

Ferrari's Places of Interest (14th Edition) Size: 8 1/2" x 11". Price $14.95. This edition introduces a new concept in gay guides: It is a complete travel planner for gays and lesbians in a magazine-sized format. Making this book unique among guides is the fact that it contains articles about gay and lesbian life in cities and countries around the world. The articles, many illustrated with photographs, were contributed by gay and lesbian publications in each country and written expressly for this volume. A total of 73 articles are included. A complete directory of gay and lesbian locations accompanies each article.

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Detailed descriptions bring forth the color and flavor of each location and its environs. Listings also include facts about each inn which answer nearly any question that a potential guest might have.▼

First gay travel expo

On October 17, Gold River Travel and Tours, in association with MGW Newspaper, will host Sacramento's first Gay Travel Expo. Concluding a week of nationwide festivities for Coming Out Day, the expo, entitled "Out in the World," will highlight destinations both local and remote. The expo will be held at the Raddison Hotel from 9am to 3 pm.

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The tale of the $150 free cat!

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

Gypsy was probably born about this time last year because he couldn't have been more than about 6 weeks old when he entered my life in late August. Mystery shrouds his birth ... all that is really known is that he and his siblings were found hanging out at a restaurant down on I-5 near the Sacramento river. No one saw the mama cat, so in all likelihood, Gypsy was one of the millions of cats born each year that ends up dumped.

I first became aware of Gypsy's existence when the folks who had the magical Dancing horses act at Cavalcade of Horses during the State Fair showed up with a pretty little female calico tabby cat and the news that there were at least four more kittens out there. They managed to capture one more before the weekend crowds drove the rest to the ground. Recognizing a soft touch, it didn't take then long to convince me that I really needed a kitten on the place. Well, it did make sense, after all, I had been complaining about the rat population. So, Gypsy cat became mine.

There are always concerns about the health of stray animals, so first things first. Gypsy made a trip to the veterinarian before ever going home ... that was the first $100 tab on my "free" cat. But, it was a good investment as Gypsy proved to be healthy. Being a responsible pet owner, the second trip to the vet, to the tune of $50, took care of the neutering and final shots. But it has been a good investment, Gypsy fit right in with the pups and he loves our half acre of the property. He comes in the house for brief visits, but much prefers the area around the barn and since the rat population has been pretty scarce lately, I think he's flexing a bit of muscle out there and has them running for their lives. He eats tons of high quality cat food, so I know he isn't feasting on rodents ... (thank goodness).

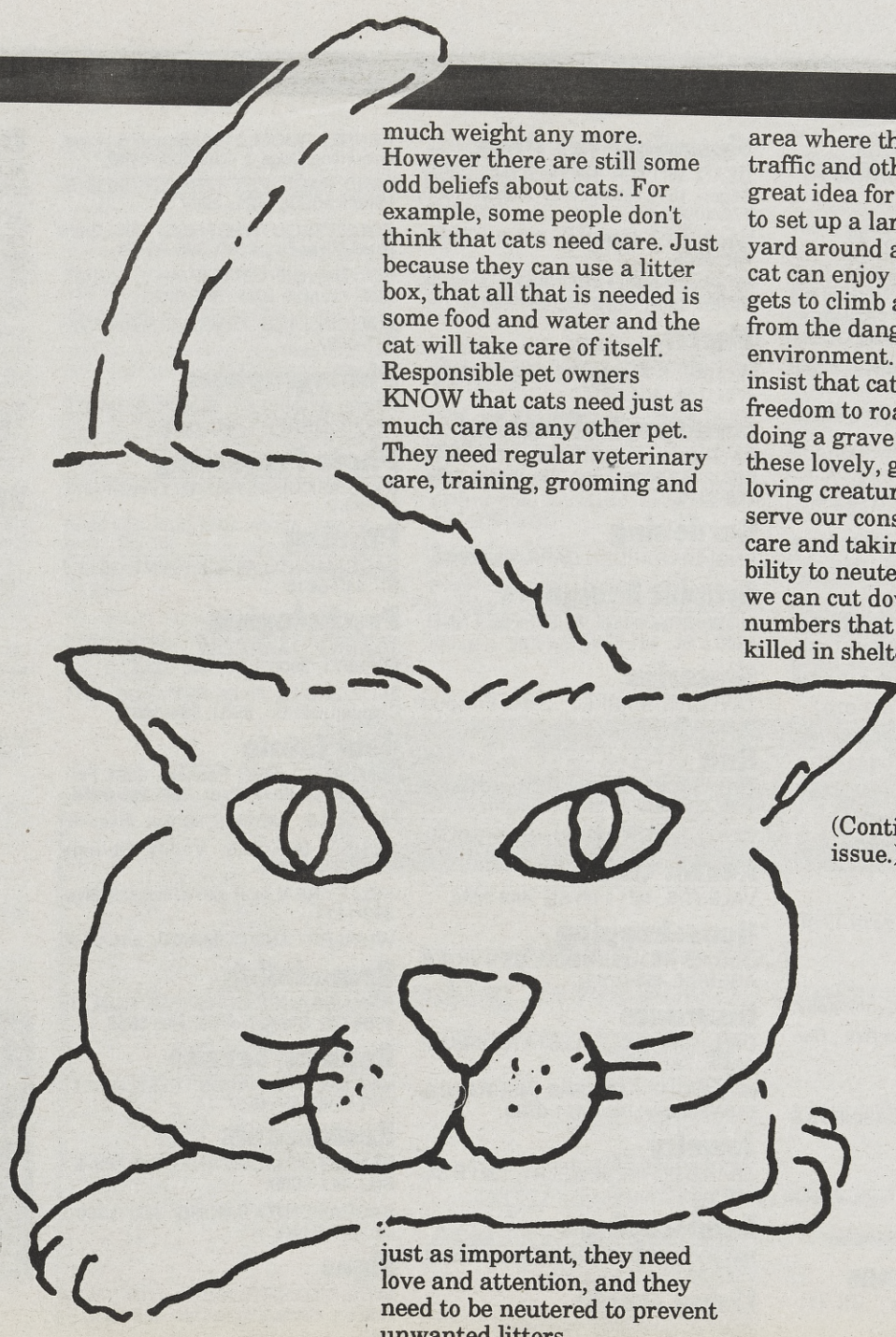
Gypsy's most valuable asset emerged recently with my litter of puppies. Seems Gypsy fancies himself as the pups "uncle" and has proven to be a wonderful puppy sitter. When all six pups discovered him for the first time it was on a romp in the "big yard," they were only six weeks old and must have thought Gypsy was a stuffed toy and they all descended on him. Did Gypsy run? ... not on your life, he merely rolled over and proceeded to allow them to maul him, then he leapt into the air, came down in the middle of them and with soft paws, proceeded to teach them that kitties should not be treated roughly. The seven of them rolled, ran, and wrestled for a good half hour, until I broke up the game. But I swear that Gypsy looks forward more than anyone to their nightly romps.

Another thing that I appreciate about the Gypsy cat is his appreciation of his new home. Since the moment that I picked him up, I swear that he has not stopped purring. He has a perpetual motor that runs to show how happy he is and that is very satisfying. My one regret is that his siblings may not have been so lucky.

In order to educate the world on the wonderful uniqueness of cats, The Humane Society of the United State (HSUS)) and other organizations have declared that 1993 is THE YEAR OF THE CAT. According to recent statistics, the cat is the most popular pet in our country. There are millions more pet cats than pet dogs.

There are many myths surrounding the cat. For instance, some people believed cats were gods. Others thought cats were magic and believed that the hair from a black cat was supposed to cure a number of ailments, from hives to swollen eyelids. Cats have been accused of being witches and vampires. A black cat's appearance would warn of impending death or a black cat crossing your path meant certain bad luck. Fortunately, those superstitions don't carry much weight any more. However there are still some odd beliefs about cats. For example, some people don't think that cats need care. Just because they can use a litter box, that all that is needed is some food and water and the cat will take care of itself. Responsible pet owners KNOW that cats need just as much care as any other pet. They need regular veterinary care, training, grooming and just as important, they need love and attention, and they need to be neutered to prevent unwanted litters.

An age old remedy for disposing of kittens is dumping them with the belief that they will survive in the wild, after all, they have the reputation of being independent and self-sufficient. It isn't fair to an innocent animal to dispose of it in this manner. They get sick, or bigger animals hurt them, or they get caught in traffic and killed. Cats, like dogs, are domestic animals; they belong safe indoors or outdoors in an area where they are safe from traffic and other animals. One great idea for city dwellers is to set up a large, enclosed cat yard around a tree so that the cat can enjoy being outdoors, gets to climb and yet is safe from the dangers of an urban environment. Those who insist that cats need the freedom to roam at will are doing a grave disservice to these lovely, graceful and loving creatures. They deserve our consideration, our care and taking the responsibility to neuter them so that we can cut down on the numbers that are senselessly killed in shelters each year.



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GM, 35, 5"9", 130Wt, sm built, love to be on the bottom. seeking GM, 30-40, Hot top, who can sew, know how to put out. Enjoy fore play, kissing, 69, no games. N/D, N/H. David, 363-7561. Must be willing to travel to my place. No phone sex.

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Massage by John. S. Natomas area. $35 in, $45 out. 649-3965. 8am - 10pm. X8/1

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J U L Y

15 - Thursday

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 6pm lambda center.

LIFT THE BAN PRESS RECEPTION RCMCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St.

PRIVATE COLLECTION TOUR A docent tour of private collections to benefit the Center for Contemporary Art. Buffet and wine bar. $25. 447-0269.

BEING GAY TODAY 11pm, Cable Chan. 18

SILVER SPUR BEER BUST $5. The Silver Spur, 2721 Broadway, 457-2070.

16 - Friday

THE LAMBDA PLAYERS PRESENT - "COMPANY" by Furth and Sondheim. Box office opens 7:30. YWCA Theatre, 17th & L St. Reservations, 442-7752.

YOUTH GROUP 5:45pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

CAFE LAMBDA 8pm, Lambda Center, 1931 LSt.

LEATHERFEST 1993 Mr. Wreck Room Contest. 10:30pm, The Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway. 863-3398.

IMA WORKSHOP II thru 7/19 707-876-3004.

SUMMER SAMMIES Orchestra Les Moncada. 5:30 - 8. Plaza Park, 9th & J sts.

LUNCHBOX LECTURE SERIES Gregory Kondos and Barbara Gibbs. $10 - $13.50. 11:30am - 1 pm. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. 264-5423.

"LAST CALL AT MAUD'S" Tower Theater, 443-6551.

SILVER SPUR DANCING 7 pm- 1 am. The Silver Spur, 2721 Broadway, 457-2070.

17 - Saturday

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MINER'S PICNIC Grass Valley, 273-8522.

LEATHERFEST 1993 Merchants Fair SM 101 and fantasy show. 1pm - 6pm The Wreck Roome, 2513 Broadway. Leather Fantasy Show. 9pm - 11pm, Joseph's, 2062 Auburn Blvd. Tough Customer Photo Party, call for time, 863-3398.

SSPCA ADOPTION DAY and SUMMER BEACH PARTY Adopt a homeless cat or dog. 12:30pm - 3:30pm. PARTY INCLUDES pet wash, portraits and zany contests. Premium Pet, Greenback & Auburn. Sally, 725-2556.

MATEEL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL Music, fun, humor, dance and crafts. 1 - 10 pm. 707-923-9367.

LESBIAN MOTHERS Day trip to Ano Nuevo State Reserve and Campout at Butano State Park. Thru Sunday. Call Nina at 455-3450 for details. Early registration.

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY and Star Party. Discovery Shop special event to benefit cancer research. 10am - 5pm, 2744 Marconi Ave. 484-0227.

AUBURN CRAFTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL 10am - 5 pm. Gold Country Fairgrounds, just off Hiway 80. 885-6281.

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MUSIC AT THE WINERY Amador County Arts Council, $15. 209-267-0211.

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18 - Sunday

LEATHERFEST 1993 4th Anniversary Party. 12pm - 5pm Joseph's, 2062 Auburn blvd. 863-3398.

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WOMEN OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP 7:15 pm Lambda Center, 1931 L St. Josie, 442-0185.

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SOFTBALL Joseph's vs Faces, noon, Town House vs The Mercantile, 1:20, 16th & Csts

19 - Monday

UCD PRESENTS The Persusions, a capella gospel and blues.. Free. 7:30 The Quad, UC Davis, 757-3199.

RCDC City Councilman darrell Steinberg will speak. 6:30 pm YWCA, 17th & L Sts.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP 5:30pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

WOMEN'S RAP and Social Group. 7pm. Lambda Center, 442-0185.

UMOJA Support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. 7pm. Women's Civil Improvement Club, 3555 3rd Ave. 452-1102.

C/W DANCE LESSONS 7 - 8:30pm. The Silver Spur, 2721 Broadway, 457-2070.

TWIN sPIRIT vETERANS Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, RCMCC, 3418 Broadway.

20 - Tuesday

DEUCE Orinda concerts in the park, Comm. Ctr. Park 6:30 - 8:30.

PFLAG Dr. Marty Rogers, CSUS professor will speak. 7pm, St. Marks Methodist Church, St. Marks Way and Lusk Dr., near Watt and El Camino. 665-1050.

SMOKING CESSATION "MY CHOICE - SMOKE fREE" a 7 week free class. 7pm. Lambda Center, Julie Weckstein, 366-4469.

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CAPITAL CITY SQUARES 7 - 8:30pm. The Silver Spur, 2721 Broadway, 457-2070.

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS New members orientation, 7pm, Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside. 444-5213.

SAGA IV BINGO NIGHT 7 - 10 pm, the Townhouse, upstairs, Tom 635-1535, Barry, 371-6428.

G&L FILM FESTIVAL Organizing meeting, Volunteer positions available. 5:30 pm. Lambda Center, 20th & L, Allen, 482-6397.

21 - Wednesday

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FRONT RUNNERS Run for fun. Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual running group. Rich 362-0755, James 387-8275.

LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (LGBA) Meeting and barbecue. 7 pm. The Buffalo Club, 19th & S sts. 641-8775.

LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm Lambda Center, 20th & L sts. 442-0185.

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MAD DOG RADIO 6 - 8pm. KCBL 88.7FM 456-5199.

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DEUCE Music in the Square. 5:30 - 7:30. Jack London Square, Oakland.

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SAGA IV SKATING PARTY $5. 8:30 - 10:30 pm. Foothill Skate Inn, 4700 Auburn Blvd. Tom, 635-155.

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LESBIAN MOTHER Support Group at Chuck E. Cheese's. 3pm, 6251 Sunrise Blvd.

SONNY BELL AND THE UNTAMED Songs from the Wild. 8:30 pmThe Cafe Montreal, 2326 K St.

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27 - Tuesday

ELECTION DAY!!!

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LESBIAN MOTHERS Support Group. Central United Methodist Church, 53rd and H sts, rm. 105 in the library. 455-3450.

JEWISH GROUP social and discussion group focussed on exploring dual identities. 7:30pm, Ellie, 334-0667.

C/W DANCE LESSONS 7 - 8:30pm. The Silver Spur, 2721 Broadway, 457-2070.

29 - Thursday

DEUCE Summer Bandshell Series. 6:30 - 8:30. Moraga Rd. & St. Mary's Rd, Moraga.

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